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First legal medical cannabis store opens in Hancock County



Photo by Geoff Belcher
Gina Pepe and John Arnold, owners of the new Coast Cannabis Medical Dispensary, the first-such enterprise to open in Hancock County.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The first legal medical cannabis dispensary opened in Hancock County on Saturday, and the store's owners say they aim to use their products to help end the opioid crisis that has gripped America.

"I'm a prescribed patient of the product, and it took me off the opiates," Coast Cannabis Medical Dispensary co-owner John Arnold said Monday. "I'd like to use something that's natural and made by our Lord rather than by a big pharmaceutical company."

Coast Cannabis is not only the first legal dispensary to open in Hancock County, Arnold's partner Gina Pepe said, "it's the first one to get licensed in the state."

Pepe said she became interested in legal medical cannabis after a death in the family.

"I'm not a marijuana user, but I had a nephew who died from opioid use five years ago," she said. "I thought I'd like to be a part of the solution to the opioid epidemic."

The state legislature passed the Mississippi Med-

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Diamondhead Fire Chief earns ESGR Patriot Award



Photo by Geoff Belcher | Sea Coast Echo
Diamondhead Fire Chief Mike Munger, center, on Wednesday received the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Patriot Award, for the support he has shown an employee serving in the U.S. Armed Forces Guard and Reserve. The award was presented by ESGR Ombudsman H. Phillip Muller, right. Firefighter Aaron Warden, left, nominated Munger for the award.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

Diamondhead Fire Chief Michael Munger got a pleasant surprise last Wednesday, receiving the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Patriot Award.

ESGR Ombudsman H. Phillip Muller presented the award, praising Munger's support of the armed services.

"We thank employers and supervisors for helping our military heroes meet their obligations,"

Muller said.

Diamondhead firefighter Sgt. Aaron Warden, an Army National Guardsman, nominated Munger for the award.

"I'm very honored to receive this award," Munger said. I served in the Marine Corps Reserve, so I definitely get supporting the reserves. ... I'm thankful to be able to return the favor."

Munger credited his former chief for accom-

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Kiln mailed jailed for child sex abuse

Sheriff: DNA results show child sex abuse suspect is father of 16-year-old's 18-month-old child

ECHO STAFF

Hancock County sheriff's investigators on Friday arrested a 44-year-old Kiln man for alleged child sex abuse.

Dan Charles Cochran Jr. was charged with one count of sexual battery and one count of molestation, Sheriff Ricky Adam said in a press release Tuesday.

"These charges stemmed from a call of service on Jan. 11, 2023, to where deputies were dispatched to speak with a sixteen-year-old juvenile in reference to being

molested," Adam said. "The juvenile stated that she had been being molested and raped over the last several years."

An investigation into the report, led to warrants being obtained for the DNA of Cochran and for the 18-month-old baby of the 16-year-old victim, to determine paternity, Adam said.

"Results of the paternity test verified that Cochran was the father of the victim's eighteen-month-old child," Adam said.

"From the onset of the



Dan Cochran

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Armed robbery suspect leads Hancock deputies on pursuit before being captured in Jackson Co.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

Hancock County deputies on Monday responded to an armed robbery in the northern part of the county, chasing the suspect through Harrison into Jackson County, where she was arrested without incident.

According to a press release from Hancock Sheriff Ricky Adam, deputies "responded to the Dollar General

on Highway 43 near North Benville Road in reference to an armed robbery. During the armed robbery, the suspect held two employees at gun point demanding money. The suspect fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of U.S. Currency. The store employees were able to provide the Sheriff's Of-

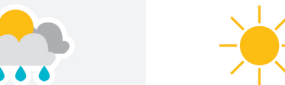
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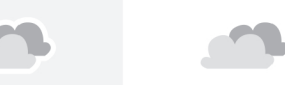
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Parade scheduled in Pearlington to honor ‘Elvis’

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

Hancock County’s answer to the King is gone, but his legend will live on, with a memorial parade this Saturday in Pearlington.

Richard Dean “Elvis” Atwood, age 69, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022, after a long battle with cancer.

“To my wonderful brother, I miss you so much,” Atwood’s brother Donnie said. “You’re in God’s hands now. I know you’re not hurting any more. Love you always.”

Whether you knew Elvis from the old Jitney Jungle in Bay St. Louis, or from one of his various jobs as a truck driver, tow truck operator or firefighter, or for his multiple public appearances at classic car shows, odds are you’ll

remember Elvis Atwood.

Always perfectly coiffed, with the lamb chop sideburns and sunglasses — and often with a bejeweled jump suit, Elvis was well-known in Hancock County.

When the Bay St. Louis branch of the U.S. Post Office began offering a new Elvis Presley stamp in 2015, they asked Elvis Atwood to help with the introduction.

The parade in Elvis’ honor is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. this Saturday, Feb. 4, at the weigh station on old Hwy. 90 at Pearlington.

It will travel to the West Harrison Fire Rescue station, where Elvis worked, and where the events will conclude with a brief memorial ceremony.

Donnie Atwood will be up on top of one of the fire trucks in the parade, with Elvis’ urn.



Echo file photo by Geoff Belcher
Elvis Atwood, at a 2020 Misfit Street Krewzers cruise-in event in Waveland.

BWMS students host food drive for people and pets

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

A group of Bay-Waveland Middle School students last week donated more than 2,000 pounds of food to the Hancock County Food Pantry.

Marshall Kyger, executive director of the Hancock Food Pantry, thanked members of the BWMS Fellowship of Christian Students for their hard work and generosity.

“It really is a wonderful thing you’re doing here, and we are very grateful,” Kyger said.

He said the pantry serves 700-800 families each month — about 1,200 people.

Kyger said the pantry board buys about 65 percent of the food served each month through grants and monetary donations, but the rest is often provided through group food drives.

Long-time pantry volunteer Billy Rappold said “One of the (other) things we do is, we



Photo by Geoff Belcher | Sea Coast Echo
Bay-Waveland Middle School Students last week deliver 2,030 pounds of food to the Hancock County Food Pantry. They also made food deliveries to the King’s Kitchen and the Hancock County Animal Shelter.

provide fresh produce to the Hancock County prison.”

BWMS science teacher Gigi Wheeler is the sponsor of the school Fellowship.

“Our Kindness Club did a great food drive,” Wheeler said. “Students who were able to block the doors to their classrooms with cans (of food) got to have a fun activity day rather than doing classwork, so it was a huge success.”

In all, BWMS donated 2,030 pounds of food to the pantry, then made further donations at the King’s Kitchen and the Hancock County Animal Shelter.

U.S. Congress honors fallen Bay police officers

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

U.S. Rep. Mike Ezell and his colleagues last week honored the lives of two fallen Bay St. Louis police officers.

On Friday, “I spoke on the House Floor in conjunction with House Resolution 63, which recognizes and honors the lives of

Sgt. Steven Robin and Officer Branden Estorffe,” Ezelle said in a press release. “Sgt. Robin and Officer Estorffe, both with the Bay St. Louis Police Department, were shot and killed in the line of duty this past December.”

Ezell introduced the bill, which was co-sponsored by his fellow congressmen Bennie Thompson, Trent Kelly and Michael Guest.

Ezell said Sen. Roger Wicker has introduced a companion bill, Senate Resolution 15, which is co-sponsored by Sen. Cindy Hyde Smith.

““Sergeant Robin and Officer Estorffe leave behind two loving families who experienced

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Community

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SSC students perform community service projects

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

As part of St. Stanislaus' observance of the St. Stanislaus Feast, students perform a variety of community service projects throughout Hancock County.

One of those projects included a collaboration with Keep Waveland Beautiful and the group's beautification efforts on Coleman Avenue.

KWB chairman Bryan Therolf said two of the group's top agenda items are Coleman Avenue and Highway 90.

"We are focusing on them to better the brand of those two," he said.

The group started with Coleman Avenue and will discuss the beautification efforts for Highway 90 with the city's

new administration.

With regards to Coleman, KWB concentrates on landscaping, litter control, Gex Park, the Ground Zero Museum, and the city's right-of-way in front of Studio Waveland, Therolf said.

SSC students weeded and mulched the right-of-way in front of Studio Waveland back in November during the school's observance day.

SSC feasts coordinator Kristen Tusa said the entire student body participates in community service projects. The day begins with a prayer service, followed by community service, field day, and a pep rally.

"A necessary part of Catholic education is learning the importance of serving others," Tusa said. "The community

plays a vital role in the education of students and they need to know the importance of serving the community."

In addition to Coleman Avenue, students also served at King's Kitchen, Ruth's Roots Community Garden, Catholic elementary schools in Pass Christian and Long Beach, Dunbar Village, Woodland Village, the Boys and Girls Club and beach cleanup.

In addition to weeding and mulching, the students painted the fire hydrants along Coleman Avenue.

On Feb. 10 at 8 a.m., in observance of Mississippi's Arbor Day, volunteers with KWB will be planting Crepe Myrtles on Coleman Avenue.

KWB secretary Lori Brommer said people

are welcome to volunteer and bring a shovel to help dig holes for the trees.

The next regular meeting of KWB is scheduled for March 25 at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77, located at 503 Waveland Ave.

Interested parties can also reach out to Therolf at btherolf@gmail.com.



Photos courtesy of KWB
Students from St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis performed a variety of service projects throughout Hancock County, including beautification efforts on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Diversity in the Arts, Hancock Co.

BY GWEN IMPSON

The Arts, Hancock County believes diversity makes our community stronger, more vibrant, and immensely more interesting. The Arts is committed to equality and seeking out under-represented populations.

To that end, The Arts is celebrating Black History Month with several events highlighting black artists and their artwork. All events are free and open to the public. The first is the Inaugural Black Arts Invitational Exhibit and Sale. The exhibit will remain installed from February 4th to the 28th and can be viewed from 9:00am-4:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday. The opening reception is set for Saturday, February 4th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Hancock Arts Center,

405 Blaize Avenue in Bay St. Louis.

This Exhibit will focus on contemporary black artists who are working in a variety of media. Their artwork is a reflection of who they are in today's world. Artists participating in this exhibit are from Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama. The Exhibit will include both 2 and 3 dimensional work.

On February 8th, Leo Green will be the guest speaker at The Arts membership meeting, open to all. Mr. Green is a well known artist and instructor at Biloxi High School. After a half hour social, the meeting begins at 6:pm in the Hancock Arts Center. The public is invited to attend. For more information, check out the Arts web site, hancockarts@org or call Angelle at the Arts Center, 228-342-4521, Tuesday through Saturday.

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February is Black Art Month!

BY GWEN IMPSON

February is also Black Art Month. Three different entities in our community are focusing attention on black artists each in their own way: Waveland Gallery, 100 Men Hall and the Hancock Arts Center.

From little recognition to a full blown celebration of black artists, this marks a major milestone in acknowledging the contributions of black artists in our community.

Here are some of the events you don't want to miss.

Gallery Waveland focuses on Richmond Barthe' who was an internationally known painter and sculptor in the 1920's. He was a major force in the Harlem Renaissance in New York City yet received little attention in his home town, Bay St Louis. This exhibit runs from February 2 through February 4 and also includes work by nine USM sculptors. For more information: studiowaveland.com.

100 Men Hall, celebrates its 100 Anniversary as an African American landmark on the Mississippi Blues Trail. It's unique in that it honors black music, art and culture that might have

been lost. Renaissance Weekend, February 3 through 5, includes a variety of events that welcome community involvement including a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater and a Harlem Renaissance Costume Gala. For more information: the100menhall.com

Hancock Arts Center showcases contemporary black artists and their artwork in an exhibit entitled Inaugural Black Arts Invitational. Art work will be for sale unless otherwise noted. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, February 4th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. The exhibit is open the entire month, February 4th until the 28th. Gallery hours are 9:00am to 4:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday. The Arts Center is located at 450 Blaize Avenue in Bay St Louis.

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For more information: hancockarts.org

Bay Little Theatre Hold Over Comedy "See How They Run"

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The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will open the comedy farce "See How They Run" by Philip King and directed by Jason Syverson. It is a comedy of misidentification and many doors! The cast gallops through many doors.

The comedy is high energy that will keep the audience laughing throughout the entire show.

The cast includes Eleanor Atkinson, Susan Sanborn, Cheryl Grace, Jeff Cabe, Sammy Raynor, Clayton Pennylegion, Irv Hansen, Mike Scultz, and

Gerald Howard. Set construction and design is managed by Dean Noel.

Allison Hess does set painting. Bonnie Cooper handles seamstress duties.

The show is produced by Cheryl Grace.

The extended show dates and times are Friday, February 3rd at 8pm and Sunday matinee, February 5th at 2pm.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.bsllt.org or by calling the Little Theatre at 228-467-9024.

The Little Theatre is located at 398 Blaize Avenue in the Depot District.

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...fice with a description of the suspect and the suspect's vehicle."

While on his way to the scene, a deputy spotted the suspect's vehicle traveling south on Hwy. 603.

"The deputy attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle," Adam said. "The driver of the vehicle did not comply and refused to stop, leading deputies to pursue the vehicle through Hancock, Harrison and into Jackson County.

"Hancock County Sheriff's Office, who was assisted by multiple agencies, was able to get the vehicle stopped. Once stopped, a black female exited the vehicle with a handgun and began pointing the weapon at her head. After several minutes, deputies and officers from all the agencies were able to take her into custody without incident."

The suspect was identified via an i.d. card at the scene as Tony Haynes and was transported to the Hancock County Jail, Adam said.

"As with any booking, suspects are fingerprinted and those fingerprints are run through AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System)," Adam said. "A later return of those results showed that the female was actually Celeste Sellers and is currently a wanted fugitive out of Alabama and Georgia on charges of fraud and burglary."

Sellers is a Birmingham, Ala.-resident.

All the money stolen from the Dollar General was recovered, Adam said.

Sellers was charged

with armed robbery, providing false information to a police officer, felony fleeing and reckless driving.

As of press time Tuesday, she was still being held at the Hancock County Jail, pending an initial hearing in Hancock Justice Court, scheduled for Feb. 28. She was being held on \$51,000 in total bonds, jail records show.

Adam said that both Alabama and Georgia authorities have been notified that Sellers is in custody.

The Hancock Sheriff's Office, along with the Bay St. Louis and Waveland police departments, is investigating a string of armed robberies and attempted robberies across the county in recent months.

Earlier this month, there was an attempted robbery at the Hwy. 90 Quick Stop in Bay St. Louis, formerly known as Poppy's. In that incident, however, store employees had locked the door and the suspect was unable to get into the business.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office is still investigating a previous armed robbery at the Hwy. 90 Quick Stop that occurred at around 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 20 — a man in a black mask, black long-sleeved shirt, blue pants and a camouflage bucket hat forced his way behind the counter and made a store employee open the cash register at gunpoint, before emptying it and running off.

Anyone with information in that case is asked to call the Hancock County Sheriff's Office or Central Dispatch at 228-255-9191 or Inv. Burkett with the Criminal Investigations Division at 228-466-6910.

On Nov. 28, at approx-



Celeste Sellers

imately 7:48 p.m., an unknown suspect robbed the Dollar General located at 603 Hwy. 90. The suspect ini that incident was wearing a trash bag, ski mask and gloves, and fled in a dark-colored SUV, police said.

The Waveland Police Department and Hancock County Sheriff's Office are also investigating robberies "involving who is believed to be the same suspect(s)," according to Bay police.

At about 7:32 p.m. on Dec. 1, Waveland police were dispatched to the Mobil Food Mart — also known as "Stop & Shop" — after an armed robbery there.

"Officers arrived and spoke to the store clerk, who advised that she was sweeping the store when a man with a gun walked in and ordered here to open the cash register and for her to give him all of the money in the register," Waveland Police Chief Michael Pendergast said at the time.

"The male took the cash and ordered her not to move while he pointed the gun at her. (He) grabbed the cash and ran out of the store."

The suspect was described as a black male, approximately 5'7" with a slender build and dreadlocks. He was wearing red Adidas jogging pants at the time of the robbery.

Hancock County Tax Assessor / Collector Homestead Exemption Applications Accepted

Homestead exemption applications will be accepted from **January 3, 2023 through March 31, 2023**, office located at 854 Highway 90 Suite C., Applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You must be living in your home on or before **January 1, 2023** to qualify for homestead exemption. The property must be your primary residence in order to qualify.

The following information is needed to file your application.

A) Warranty deed
B) Cost of property
C) Down payment amount
D) License plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County.
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E) If you are age 65 or older, proof of age is required
F) If you are receiving 100% disability benefits, proof of your disability is required
G) Is any part of the property rented

You must re-file your homestead exemption application if

A) You became over 65 on or before **January 1, 2023**
B) You became 100% disabled service Connected veteran on or before **January 1, 2023**
C) You acquired a new residence
D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead
E) Your marital status changed (divorced, widowed, separated, etc.)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hancock County Board of Education's Regular Monthly Meetings for 2023 are scheduled as follows and will begin at 5:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 30, 2023 - Hancock County Career Technical Center, 7180 Stennis Airport Rd, Kiln, MS• February 16, 2023 - West Hancock Elementary, 23350 Highway 43, Picayune, MS @ 3:30 p.m.• March 27, 2023• April 24, 2023• May 25, 2023• June 26, 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 31, 2023• August 28, 2023• September 25, 2023 – Hancock Performing • Arts Center, 7140 Stennis Airport Dr., Kiln, MS Student Recognition• October 30, 2023• November 30, 2023• December 14, 2023 |
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Unless noted otherwise, the meetings will be held in the Board Meeting Room of the Office of the Superintendent of Education at 18375 Highway 603, Kiln, Mississippi.

For further information, including agenda matters, please visit www.hancockschools.net

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- A "gas smell" similar to rotten eggs

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Excavator Procedure:

Pipeline markers are maintained to inform the public of the gas line location. State and Federal laws require excavators to notify MS One-Call (811) two (2) full working days (excluding weekends and holidays) before digging. If any excavation is planned, you must notify MS One-Call (811) which will notify the city to locate the gas lines. The city maintains membership in the MS One-Call program.

To obtain additional information or report a gas related issue call The City of Waveland @ 228-467-9248. After hours dial 228-255-9191 or dial 911. The MS One-Call Center Number is 811. This information and the pipeline signs are provided as public awareness and damage prevention awareness notices.

Opinion

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Spread love year round

About the only thing I can stand about Valentine’s Day is the annual arrival of the box of cherry-flavored Tootsie Roll pops in stores.

It’s my favorite flavor and I don’t have to waste my money on all the other flavors that will lay untouched.

Since it’s also the nephew’s favorite flavor, I sent a box to him in Alaska.

We have a lot in common when it comes to our respective sweet teeth. He will definitely always be able to persuade me to give up my some of my cotton candy to him.

He knows his Aunt Cass Cass very well.

Side note: The day before I wrote this column, a reader came by the office and told me how much she enjoyed reading about my nephew. Later that evening on Face-Time, I told him about the conversation and he grinned so big. He enjoys being a “celebrity,” as he calls it.

One of my favorites of the historical mentions of Valentine’s Day is the pagan celebration of Lupercalia, which was held on the ides of February or February 15, www.history.com states.

Some claim that the Christian church decided to place the St. Valentine’s Day — who died around A.D. 270— feast day in the middle of February in an effort to “Christianize the pagan celebration of Lupercalia.”

This isn’t the first instance noted in history that the church has “Christianized” pagan celebrations. And to that I say “It’s not always about you (church).”

“Lupercalia was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus,” the website states. “To begin the festival, members of the Luperci, an order of Roman priests, would gather at a sacred cave where the infants Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome, were believed to have been cared for by a she-wolf or lupa. The priests would sacrifice a goat, for fertility, and a dog, for purification. They would then strip the goat’s hide into strips, dip them into the sacrificial blood and take to the streets, gently slapping both women and crop fields with the goat hide. Far from being fearful, Roman women welcomed the touch of the hides because it was believed to make them more fertile in the coming year. Later in the day, according to legend, all the young women in the city would place names in a big urn. The city’s bachelors would each choose a name and become paired for the year with his chosen wom-

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Hancock History: The Mississippi Bubble

The Mississippi Gulf Coast was part of the French Colony called Louisiana from 1699-1763. France established a permanent European settlement in the Louisiana Colony in 1699 at the site of present-day Mobile, Alabama. Back in France a “Mississippi Company” was created and given exclusive trading rights in North America and the West Indies with the mission of land development. Another commercial port was envisioned to be located near the mouth of the Mississippi River which would bring revenue to France to pay off the enormous debt that King Louis XIV had incurred conducting his many wars. The mission was accomplished and the port was called New Orleans; but the project had a rocky start, and this is a story is worth telling.

The main character in this tale of woe was a Scottish financier, John Law (1672-1729). Law persuaded the French crown to make him

Controller of Finance in 1716. Law had a monetary vision of economics that was way ahead of its time. He believed that France could increase commerce and create wealth and prosperity by replacing metal coins with paper money in the form of bank notes. To facilitate this end he created a Royal Bank in 1718 to issue these bank notes purportedly backed by the crown’s metal coinage. The plan was to pay down the nation’s debt with the revenue derived from the opening of the Mississippi River Valley; that is from land sales, trade, and the mining of minerals.

Law advertised this Mississippi Company all over Europe and exaggerated the wealth available in the new Louisiana Colony with effective marketing. Stocks of this Mississippi Company were issued and consequently, a public frenzy developed which caused hyperinflation of the price of the stock on the open market; thus creating a bubble. A “bubble”

is an unusually rapid increase of a stock price in general, followed by an equally rapid collapse in price. The Royal Bank promised that the stock could be redeemed with the new paper money or bank notes it had issued simultaneously with the new stocks. The new program seemed like a big success until the bubble burst in 1720 and the price of the stock cratered. As a result, panic ensued and investors lost confidence in the stocks as well as new paper money or bank notes. Moreover, there was run on the Royal Bank and the public attempted to redeem, as promised, the paper currency with gold or silver coins. Eventually, the bank did not have enough metal coin to back all the new notes in circulation. When the Royal Bank stopped payment on the notes, the whole economy of France crashed. The aforementioned bubble has been called by historians the “Mississippi Bubble.”

John Law was fired



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by the crown and he fled to Venice. A depression followed in France. The enormous debt generated was consolidated and taken over by the state, which raised taxes to do this. Law’s system of finance failed. Nevertheless, he was a brilliant mathematician, financial genius, and gambler. Economic historians consider him the Father of Modern Finance, albeit a case study in the dangers of imprudent banking practices and stock manipulation. The

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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Guest Column

By Andrea Dedeaux

Carter Godwin Woodson was an American historian, author, journalist and the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. He was one of the first scholars to study African-American history.

In 1926, Woodson chose the week of February 7, 1926 for Negro History Week. He chose February for meaningful reasons: the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Black History Month

was born in 1976, expanding the week-long celebration to a month. President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, and called upon the nation to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

Every February, we challenge American hypocrisy --- how a country that touts inclusivity and diversity remains ignorant of its painfully racist past and the contributions of the people it enslaved. Ultimately

the goal is not only to challenge American history once a year, it is to constantly seek our true identity and history every day. By reaching this goal we can truly attain freedom.

Woodson’s book “The Mis-Education of the Negro” critiques the American educational system for failing to provide appropriate teachings on Black people in the United States.

African American Studies became a part of higher education in the United States in the late 1960’s following a protest by black students at San Francisco State Col-

lege in 1968. By 1971 more than 500 programs, departments, and institutes were founded on 4 year college campuses. Black Studies initiatives were added at many high schools and community colleges. Today approximately 500 colleges and universities offer graduate and undergraduate programs.

In order to accurately teach the history of centuries of enslavement in our country, we must be honest about the system and conditions that supported slavery. We must

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Arrest Record

Arrests logged at the hancock county justice facility from the past week. appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

ECHO STAFF.

Celeste Sellers, 52, armed robbery; false identifying information; hold for other agency x 3
Dorothy M. Baker, 63, contempt of court failure to appear
Calvin Greely, 36, contempt failure to appear
Ryan P. Smith, 28, DUI 1st offense
Patricia L. Carver, 30, contempt of court failure to appear
Emily G. Pursley, 29, contempt of court failure to appear x 2; felony possession of controlled substance
Dallas J. Fowler, 42, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Jonathan D. Hunt, 35, disorderly conduct; simple domestic violence simple assault; simple assault on policeman or fireman or school official; trespassing
Jennifer D. Parfait, 42, petit larceny; credit card: acquisition by theft/artifice; receipt; use of another's name; grand larceny; hold for other agency
Abel Dedeaux, 40,

burglary; hold for other agency
Kenneth J. Sellier, 64, shoplifting
Michael J. Destefano, 51, contempt of court failure to appear
Stephen J. Larocque, Jr., 23, DUI; possession of weapon by felon
Alex M. Mayfield, 22, evasion, failure to stop a motor vehicle; contempt failure to appear; parole violation
Richard A. Seal, 66, simple domestic violence simple assault
Katisha Derouche, 41, shoplifting; contempt failure to appear; possession of paraphernalia x 2; simple domestic violence simple assault; probation violation (justice court)
Brittany N. Trotter, 27, contempt failure to appear
Shawn M. Powell, Jr., 33, possession of paraphernalia; contempt failure to appear x 2
Lawrence Dell, 25, DUI 1st offense
Michael A. Ruspoli, 55, suspended license; no proof-of-liability insurance; possession of paraphernalia; vehicle: improper lighting equipment
Richard E. Cook, 58, DUI
Felicia F. Band, 55, careless driving; motor vehicle: obedience of

official traffic-control devices by emergency vehicles; no proof-of-liability insurance; possession of paraphernalia; felony possession of controlled substance; tampering with physical evidence
Jaqualine T. Tanner, 35, back for court/court order; hold for other agency; controlled substance: trafficking; controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense x 3
Dayne A. Ingle, 51, contempt failure to appear
Korey L. Molitor, 49, possession of weapon by felon x 3; felony possession of controlled substance
Dallen V. Buras, 36, contempt failure to appear x 2
Misty M. Alligood, 39, contempt failure to comply; contempt of court failure to appear
Michael Lapniewski, 55, hold for other agency
River J. Hayden, 27, contempt of court failure to appear
George W. Jones, III, 41, probation violation
Stephen P. Stanley, Jr., 38, contempt failure to appear x 3
Olivia Y. Kluttz, 19,

shoplifting
Bailey M. Bertolette, 18, shoplifting
Dan C. Cochran, 44, child: touching child < 18 for lustful purposes by person in trust > 18; sexual battery
Brandon M. Berenato, 30, DUI 1st offense
Jacob N. Parker, 18, contempt of court failure to appear
Willie J. Thomas, 29, possession of marijuana (1-30 grams); felony possession of controlled substance
Charles E. Underwood, 21, DUI 1st offense; possession of paraphernalia
Antonio R. Fikes, 28, trespass after warning
Cokey A. Bankston, 46, controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense
Benjamin E. Tomaso, 45, contempt of court failure to appear (bench warrant) x 2
Ronald S. Ladner, 43, disturbance of worship
Patricia A. Davis, 37, possession of a controlled substance
Shanti S. Hinton, 43, contempt failure to appear
Kimberly B. Hodge, 28, trespassing

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Mississippi Company did try to populate the new colony. It placed some upper-class French planters on land grants on the Mississippi River. France collected other citizens to be workers in the colony; but ended up gathering mostly vagrants, orphans, smugglers, prostitutes, and thieves. The plantations quickly realized that what they really needed was experienced agricultural slaves to do the job of raising the cash crop of tobacco. The first shipment depositing

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an. These matches often ended in marriage.”
Well, by the end of the 5th century, Lupericalia was outlawed and deemed “un-Christian”, when Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14 as St. Valentine’s Day.
The English poet Geoffrey Chaucer is said to have been the first to recognize St. Valentine’s Day as a romantic celebration in the 1375 poem “Parliament of Foules,” the website states, and written valentines begin to appear after 1400.
In the early 1700s, Americans began exchanging hand-made valentines and in 1840, Esther A. Howland sold the first mass-produced valentines in America, history.com states, and the Greeting Card Association estimates that 145 million Valentine’s Day cards are sent each year.
It’s been a long time since I’ve sent a card to anyone. First, they are quite expensive, and have been getting that way for many years, and two, I’m often very lazy when it comes to picking out cards and such.
I do prefer a hand-

written note to express things to people. Now, some might buy a bunch of blank cards to do that and I have done that before.
I used to write notes to my preschool students for special occasions, such as the end of the school year. I wanted to tell them how proud I was of them for how much they had grown and learned during that year. And I wanted them to maybe have a token to save and remember their old preschool teacher by.
In a couple of weeks, my social media feeds will be filled with all things Valentine’s Day related, which is why I’m glad I’ve been taking much-needed breaks from social media.
While we are prone to hypocrisy, because we are human after all, the same people who declare so much loving feelings during this time of year, are the same people who aim their hate and vitriol at humans during the rest of the year, with the exception being the church-sanctioned holidays, of course.
I believe that one of the reasons I’ve stopped following the mindless crowds and celebrating holidays just because everyone else does is because I do like to read up about the history of how

our holidays came to be.
Side note: The podcast Dark History with Bailey Sarian, which I adore, recently explored the history behind many of the traditions associated with weddings and engagement rings. Boy, have people been duped for so long.
Reading and exploring history is so fundamental and anyone who supports banning books or banning complete historical truths because it might hurt someone’s little feelings is a complete coward. Having knowledge promotes our critical thinking skills, which I assume would make it much harder for those in power to keep on keeping their power. So if they’re banning books or some part of history, I would suggest reading those books and exploring that history.
As Mister Rogers said, “Love isn’t a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun like struggle. To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now.”
I would love for that to be the gauge for loving people and not how much money we spend on one another, the size of the flower arrangement, the size of the diamond, etc. etc.

of the biggest names in crypto lending like FTX have failed because of the shaky foundations, risky practices, and lack of regulation in this sector. The Gulf Coast and Hancock County did not see stability and economic prosperity until the region was annexed by the United States in 1811. It was then that our county saw the migration of settlers from the Atlantic seacoast who were farmers and merchants. Construction and infrastructure were built and later a robust banking sector which included the Hancock Bank and the Merchant’s Bank financed the economic miracle in our county during the Twentieth Century.

Goodness, and I’m not suggesting throwing out gift-giving all together. One of my favorite gifts is sitting on my desk right now. It’s a mousepad with some of my favorite pictures of my nephew on it. My sister put a lot of thought into it and knew that I would absolutely love having a piece of my favorite little guy near me every day. And that’s what makes it so special.
While I know that bad things are always going to happen and people aren’t perfect, what I always hope for is a better place filled with kindness shown to people by those in authority, community leaders, and just by everyone else in general. These past few years especially have caused me to lose a lot of faith in my fellow human beings. Maybe one day that will be restored, but, sadly, it doesn’t look like it will be any time soon.
We — including myself because I am always struggling to be better — can all start by extending those feelings promoted by Valentine’s Day beyond Feb. 14 and showing our love for each other all year round.
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• WILTON ACKER

• VIRGIE MCLEOD LEWIS

• VERNON ‘MITCH’ MITCHELL

Wilton Acker

“Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.” John 16:22

On August 12, 1985, Willie Peters and the late Josephine Acker were blessed with a beautiful son and named him Wilton Acker. Wilton was born in Gulfport MS, and raised in Pearlington MS. Wilton attended Hancock High School, Kiln, MS. Wilton grew up attending church with his family and accepted Christ at an early age. He showed an early talent for cooking, auto mechanics and had a great love for the outdoors. Never knowing a stranger, he was friends to almost everyone who crossed his path. He was known to be a kind and funny guy that would stop to help anyone.

On August 14th, 2008 Wilton welcomed the birth of his son Cameron Acker. In 2016, Wilton and Cameron moved to the Killeen, Texas so

that he could pursue his dreams of becoming a Truck Driver.

Wilton departed this world and was translated into a glorified body on January 22, 2023 at the age of 37.

Preceding him in death is his mother Josephine Acker; big brother Lil’ Willie Acker; great grandparents, Robert and Bessie Dees Thompson; step great-grandmother, Lillie Mae Thompson; grandparents Mary and Floyd Acker, Ernestine Peters, Willie Peters Sr.; uncles Jeffery Acker, Floyd Acker Jr., Mac Robert, Emmett Douglas and Bernard Murray; aunt, Beverly Elaine Acker; cousins Lisa Bannister, Shannon Acker, Andy Bannister and Jada Craft.

Left to cherish words of wisdom and fond memories: his son, Cameron Acker; father Willie Peters; sister Wishonda De La Cruz (Carlos); brothers Justin Laurent, Joshua (Kaylee) Laurent, and Brendan McClain (Gloria); special family friend, David Jarveis;



aunts, June (Eric) Jarvis, Evelyn (Jessie) Murray, Adell Peters, Annell Murray, Cynthia Acker, Marvie Bannister, Angela Peters, Ladonna Peters, Elaine Jefferson; uncles, Frank Acker, Eric Jarvis and Adolph Collins; and loved by many cousins, other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at NeHopeBaptist Church 16288 White Road, Pearlington, MS 39572. Visitation: 10:00 a.m., Pastor Donald Tousseint, Officiating. Mask or face covering at your discretion. Interment at the New Hope Cemetery, Pearlington, MS. Entrusted to Brown’s Funeral Home.

Virgie McLeod Lewis

Hancock County closed the door on its pioneer timber and turpentine era with the passing of lifetime Kiln resident Virgie McLeod Lewis. Aunt Virgie, as she was fondly called, lived on the long ago defunct McCleod Turpentine and Sawmill on the Jourdan River for most of the 92 years she spent on this earth. Only rarely venturing off the property into the uncertainty of the modern world which evolved around her, she was the last pioneer woman of Hancock County. The only woman left living on the family turpentine estate which once housed over 600 people involved in the business.

She was raised by A.J. McCleod and Virginia “Aunt Gin” Haas McCleod at a young age, one of 29 children the well-off couple nurtured during their life. Some may know Aunt Gin from her time running the family general store at the corner of 603 and

the Jourdan River. She dressed in the original pioneer style clothes like Granny on the Beverly Hillbillies and looked just like her too. McLeod Park was named in honor of Virgie’s parents. Highway 603 was first improved with a shell bed for vehicle use by her father A.J. McCleod, who at one time was a member of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors. Later, Virgie’s older brother Norton Haas secured funding for the pavement and later 4-lane upgrade of a portion of 603. Shortly after “Mr. Norton” passed, the highway was named in his honor. The Norton Haas Memorial Highway.

Virgie knew this history and so much more. She was a sweet, dear woman who cared for her beloved mother until her passing, managing the property until her own passing. Even when she was close to death, Virgie wanted to do nothing more than go back home to the Kiln. When she found out that

was never going to happen, she prayed to God to let her go home to Him and Aunt Gin.

So, the last pioneer woman of Hancock County is reunited with God, her beloved husband Frank of 43 years, Aunt Gin, highly admired brother Norton and the rest of the family.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at Annunciation Catholic Church in the Kiln at 11:30 am. The family received guests one hour prior to Mass. After Mass she was laid to rest by her husband Frank, a veteran who served his country for eight years in the US Navy and another eight years in the Merchant Marines in which he fought in the Korean War.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was honored to serve the family of Virgie McLeod Lewis.

Vernon “Mitch” Mitchell

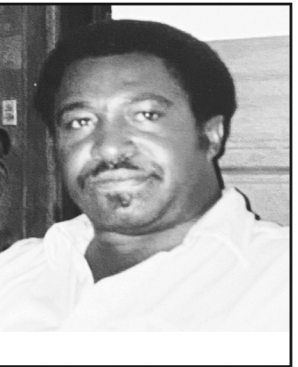
“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.” II Timothy 4:7

Vernon “Mitch” Windell Mitchell was born May 14, 1950 in Tampa, Florida to the late Richard and Sarah Mitchell. He has four sisters and one brother: Mary Vesta, Phette Mitchell, Cynthia Fayson, Clara Russell and Richard Mitchell.

Vernon will be tremendously missed by those who knew him

and leaves behind many memories for them to cherish. Left to treasure his memory, a loving wife, Rose Mitchell; son, Derrick Mitchell; daughter, Erica Mitchell; Sisters, Mary Vesta, Phette Mitchell, Cynthia Fayson (Carl), Clara Russell; Brother, Richard Mitchell (Theresa) and a multitude of family and friends.

Visitation will be held 12:30 – 2:30 pm at Brown’s Funeral Home, 1011 Rosa Street, Pica-yune, MS and Gravesite service will be held 3:00



p.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Pica-yune Cemetery, 8th Street, Pica-yune, MS. Reverend Dr. Darren H. Mitchell, Officiating. Entrusted to Brown’s Funeral Home.

• CONGRESS

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the tragedy that every law enforcement family fears,” Ezell said. “My thoughts and prayers are with them and the entire Bay St. Louis community as they mourn the loss of these heroes.”

“These two officers made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty and deserve our gratitude,” Wicker said. “My prayers continue to be with their families. These men were heroes and will not be forgotten.”

“I am humbled by the bravery of our law en-

forcement officers who put their lives on the line with the mission to protect and serve. Sergeant Steven Robin and Officer Branden Estorffe made the ultimate sacrifice to keep their community safe and tragically left this world as true heroes,” Hyde-Smith said. “Let this resolution represent just one acknowledgment these officers deserve for their valiant service. I join in praying for those they left behind and for healing for the entire Bay St. Louis community.”

It is never easy to lose a loved one. Officer Branden Estorffe and Sergeant Steven Robin put their lives on the line

every day to protect the people of Bay St. Louis,” Congressman Thompson said. “These heroes will be remembered for the sacrifices, commitment, and honor they demonstrated in order to help their communities grow and prosper. During this difficult time, I am sending my love and prayers to the family, friends, and community. Sergeant Steven Robin and Officer Branden Estorffe will be remembered forever.”

Read H. Res. 63 in its entirety here: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-resolution/63/text?r=1&s=4>.

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investigation, Hancock County Sheriff’s Office Investigators contacted and worked with Mississippi Child Protective Service,” Adam said. “During the investigation, CPS removed two additional juveniles from

the home.”

Investigators determined that additional crimes were committed in other jurisdictions and sheriff’s officials reached out to those agencies, Adam said, and a warrant for 1st Degree Rape has since been issued by Vernon Parish Sheriff’s Office in Louisiana.

Cochran is currently being housed at the Hancock County Adult

Detention Center on \$200,000 in bonds and a hold from the Vernon Parish Sheriff’s Office.

“The Hancock County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division is continuing to investigate the allegations and working with other agencies,” Adam said.

An initial hearing in the case is scheduled for Feb. 28 in Hancock County Justice Court.

• AWARD

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modating his military service, back when he was still an active reservist.

Margaret E. Barnes, state chair of the Mississippi ESGR, told Munger in a letter that the award “reflects the high level of support that you have shown for your employee serving in the United States Armed Forces Guard

and Reserve. The ESGR’s mission is to develop and promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees.”

Nearly one-third of the U.S. Armed Forces is comprised from members of the Guard and Reserve, Barnes said.

Muller said that the ESGR began because of events that occurred during and after his service in the Vietnam era, when servicemen returning home from military duties found out they were no longer employed.

• CANNABIS

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ical Cannabis Act early last year, but it contained dozens of provisions and rules prospective licensees needed to fulfill in order to get approval. As a result, the legal dispensaries are just now opening state-wide.

“It’s been an up-and-down battle getting everything done,” Arnold said, “but it’s here now and we’re open.”

Legalization, Arnold said, “is long overdue. ... We’re hoping this is going to be a big bene-

fit to the community and keep people from getting hooked on the opioids and contributing to the big problem in America.”

Arnold said all of Coast Cannabis’s products are tested by the state, and safe to use. They all come from Mockingbird, a Mississippi-based supplier that is licensed and regulated.

Cannabis “helps with chronic pain, sleep disorders, eating disorders, it’s good for cancer patients, it works for so many things - it should have been legal a long time ago,” Arnold said.

One of Coast Cannabis’s new custom-

ers is a U.S. military veteran suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, “and our product is doing wonders for him,” Arnold said. “I feel like we’re doing the right thing in the right place.”

Now that the Bay St. Louis location is up and running, Pepe said, “We have another one opening up in Diamond-head at 445 Yacht Club Drive.”

Coast Cannabis Medical Dispensary is located at 835 Hwy. 90, Suite 6, in Bay St. Louis. For more, call 985-316-6708 or go to www.coastcannabisms.com, or email john@coastcannabisms.com.

• NAACP

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acknowledge the fact that our founding fathers, some of whom were slave owners, defined the right of freedom in the Constitution while they continued to deny that right to all human beings through the subjugation and ownership of black people.

We must also be honest about white supremacy, Jim Crow, and systemic racism. The thorough acknowl-

ment and acceptance of our past is the key to ensuring success in our future. Only then will we, as a country, be able to continue to strive toward our goal to form a more perfect union.

If you would like to join the Hancock County Branch of the NAACP or need to renew your membership, email us at hancocknaacpnews@yahoo.com or call (228) 332-0526 to request an application. The Branch monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at Morning Star Baptist Church on Sycamore Street in the Bay at 6:00pm and are open to the public.

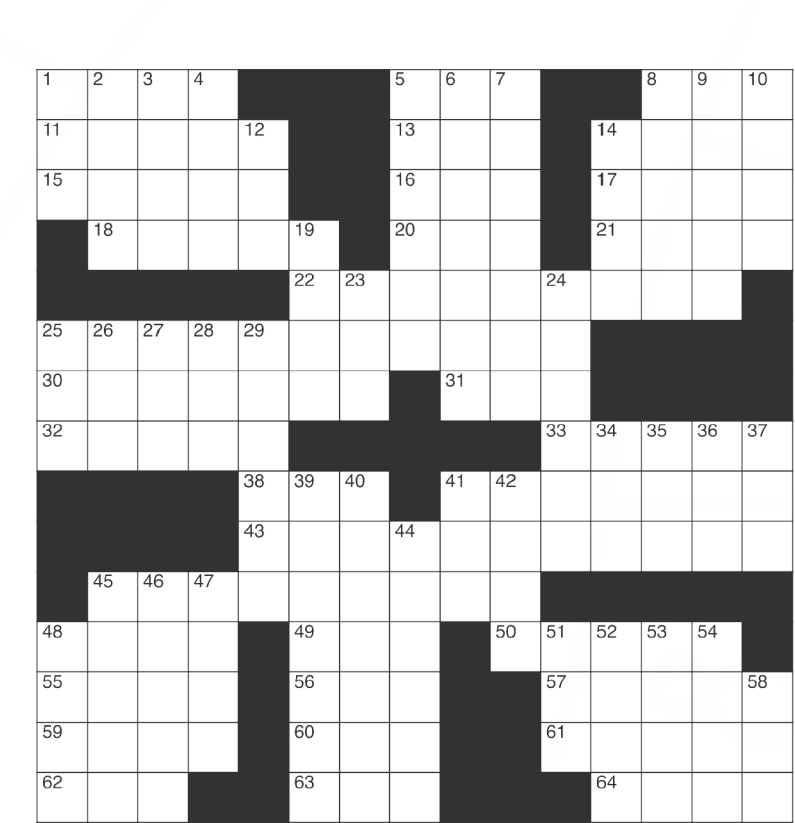




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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Language group with Iranian influence

5. No seats available

8. Health insurance organization

11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste

13. Defunct European economic organization

14. Dutch word for “language”

15. Hard to penetrate

16. When you’ll get there

17. Iranian city

18. Small fishes

20. Dry white wine drink

21. Turkish city

22. U.S.-born people

25. Synthetic resin

30. Major nerve in human body

31. Type of recording

32. Small drum

33. Alters

38. General’s assistant (abbr.)

41. Venezuelan capital

43. Free of deceit

45. Member of Ancient Hebrew nation

48. Competition

49. Launch an attack on

50. Cavalry sword

55. Spiritual leader

56. One point east of due south

57. Afflicted

59. Database management system

60. Snakelike fish

61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

62. Small drink

63. Not wet

64. Impudence

- CLUES DOWN
1. Father

2. Performed perfectly

3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid

4. Thin, compact object

5. One attempting to find something

6. No longer working

7. Egg-shaped wind instrument

8. Book of Genesis character

9. Volcanic craters

10. Brand of American automobile (slang)

12. Hip hop icon Kool Moe _

14. Bangladeshi monetary unit

19. Self-immolation by fire ritual

23. Family of genes

24. Et _ : indicates further

25. Pacific Standard Time

26. S. American wood sorrel

27. Women’s _ movement

28. Chinese hoopster Ming

29. Layers of rock

34. Patriotic women’s group

35. Solid water

36. Shade of brown

37. Very fast airplane

39. Put clothes on

40. Quality of one’s character

41. Time zone

42. Primates

44. Pleasantly

45. Metrical feet

46. Rogue

47. German river

48. Relieves from

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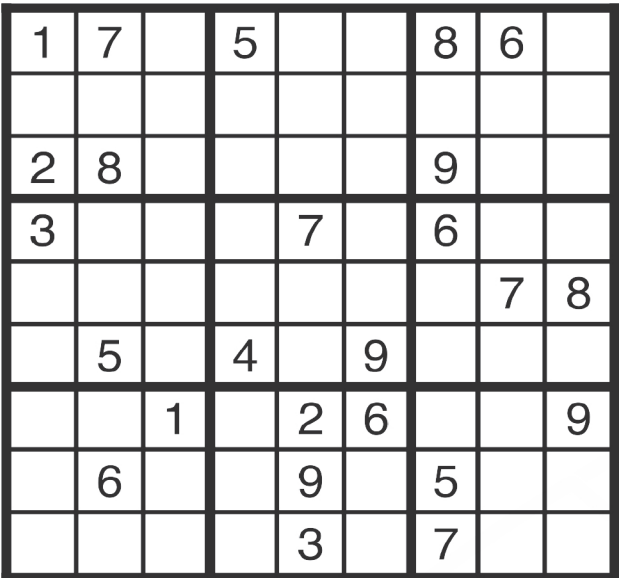
52. Prejudice

53. Actor Idris

54. Those who resist authority

58. Criticize

SUDOKU



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1. In names, this principality’s name means “shining stone” in German.
2. In drama, this operetta by Gilbert & Sullivan is a satirical take on British politics and institutions set in the fictional town of Titipu.
3. In art, this 1656 painting by Diego Velázquez is considered his magnum opus and features a self-portrait.
4. In astronomy, the displacement of spectral lines toward longer wavelengths of the spectrum in radiation from distant galaxies and celestial objects is known as this.
5. In religion, this Christian denomination rejects the doctrine of the Trinity, asserts the unity of God and favors rationalist approaches to belief to formal dogma.

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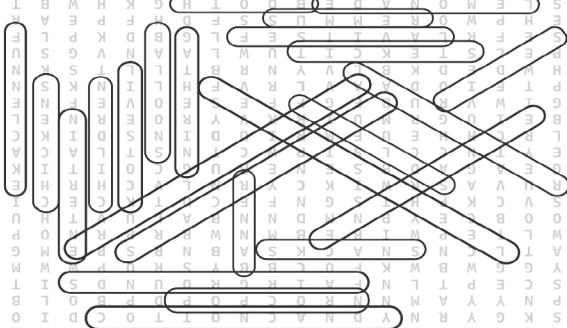
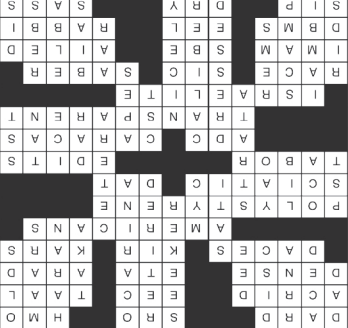
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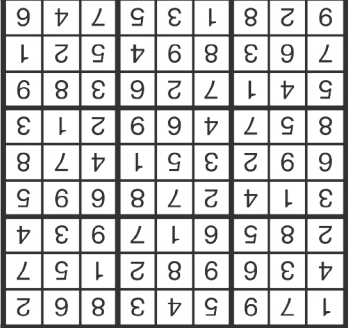
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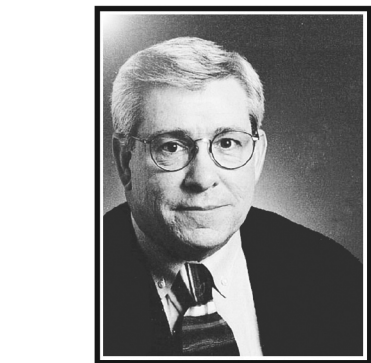
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Devotional Page

Spirituality and Human Sexuality

By REV. C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN



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A few weeks ago, I received a message from a friend in another state. She was seeking guidance on the matter of human sexuality. She was troubled by the controversy within the church on the subject. She wanted to understand what the bible has to say, especially re-

garding homosexuality. The following is a summary of my response.

The book that most people refer to as The Holy Bible is a collection of ancient writings the oldest of which came from several thousands of years ago. Even the most recent were written about 2000 years ago. It is not, nor was it ever intended to be, a rule book for life where we can simply look up the answer to any question. In fact, rabbinical interpretation is as old as the Judeo-Christian tradition. Such interpretation has always informed our understanding of spirituality.

Personally, I have grown to appreciate the bible more as I have studied its origin and context. Reading, studying, and meditating on it have become

some of the most treasured parts of my spiritual journey. However, this is not the same as seeing it as a literal document. It is true that the bible says very little about specific sexual identity. It does contain some vague references to certain sexual behaviors. The writings of Paul include some of these, but Paul could hold strong opinions about many things. The four gospels included in the bible make no reference of Jesus ever commenting on homosexuality. Probably most of the biblical writers held views on such matters which were pretty compatible with those of their time. We do find incidents in which Jesus treats people who have strayed from accepted norms with kindness and compassion. His basic

nature was one of acceptance, love, and grace. That is an example which is compelling. Accurate reading requires an awareness of the time, setting, context, and even the language in which it was written. A basic mistake is attempting to apply 1st Century understanding to 21st Century reality. To do that would be to live in a flat earth understanding of the world in the face of modern scientific and social knowledge.

As has often been mentioned in this space, the love of God is the central truth of scripture. This is found in various ways in the totality of the bible from Genesis to Revelation. The healing, forgiving ministry of Jesus is the highlight of this insight. Yes, there are moments of judgment, and even

violence, but these are always tempered by the great love of God. Many years ago, I determined to stake my life on that conviction. I still do.

The question of human sexuality must be considered in light of profound faith in the love of God. When I meet people whose sexuality differs from mine, I can judge them as inferior, or rejoice in them as part of the beautiful diversity of the created order. None of us have all the answers. Casual claims of absolute truth on any subject create a slippery slope which leads to dangerous conclusions. To love the bible is not to worship it. Hopefully, we will always strive to worship the God which the bible seeks to reveal. That God is love.

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BY: /s/Bridgette Ladner, D.C.
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on the 6th day of May, 2022, Matthew Schmitt, and Lacey Schmitt, executed a Deed of Trust to Joshua W. Closson, Trustee for the benefit of H L & C – HANCOCK, LLC., a Mississippi limited liability company, which said Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 2022, Page 15303, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and HL&C – HANCOCK, LLC., a Mississippi limited liability company, the holder of the Note and Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned Trustee so to do, I will on the 7th day of February, 2023, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during the legal hours, between 11:00 A.M. o'clock and 4:00 P.M. o'clock, at the front door steps of the Hancock County Courthouse of Bay St Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described property lying and being situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:
712 St. Joseph Street Waveland, MS 39576
PARCEL #1: Commencing at an iron pipe where the line between Lots 50 & 52, Fourth Ward, Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, intersects the Easterly right-of-way of St. Joseph Street (which point is North 45 degrees West 300 feet from the point where the line between Lots 50 and 52 intersects the Northwest line of Lot 14, Waveland Gardens Subdivision); thence South 45 degrees East along said line between Lots 50 and 52, 125 feet to the point of beginning, being an iron pipe; thence South 45 degrees East along the line between Lots 50 and 52, 100 feet; thence North 45 degrees East 80 feet to the Southwesterly line of Garden Lane; thence North 45 degrees West 100 feet; thence South 45 degrees West 80 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being part of Lot 50, FOURTH WARD, Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the present official map or plat of said Town on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. PARCEL #2: Beginning at an iron pipe where the line between Lots 50 and 52, Fourth Ward, Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, intersects the Easterly right-of-way line of St. Joseph Street, which point is North 45 degrees West, 300 feet from the point where the line between Lots 50 and 52 intersects the Northwesterly line of Lot 14, Waveland Gardens Subdivision; thence South 45 degrees East, along said line between Lots 50 and 52, 125 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 45 degrees East, 80 feet to an iron pipe on the Southwesterly right-of-way line of Garden Lane; thence North 45 degrees West, 210.6 feet to an iron pipe on the Easterly right-of-way line of St. Joseph Street; thence Southerly along said Easterly right-of-way line of St. Joseph Street, 117.13 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Lot 50, Fourth Ward, Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi. This property conveyed is the same property conveyed to Thelma Marie Millsap by Helen Clark Merwin as per deed recorded in Book X-7, Pag 87 of the Deed Records of Hancock County, Mississippi. The above-described parcels are subject to any restrictive covenants, reservations, and easement of record. PARCEL #3: Beginning at a point where the line between Lots 50 and 52 intersects the Easterly right-of-way of St. Joseph Street, Fourth Ward, Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi; thence South 45 degrees East along said line 275 feet to a point; thence South 45 degrees West 100

feet to the lot line between Lots 52 and 54, Fourth Ward, Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, thence North 45 degrees West along said line to the Easterly right-of-way of St. Joseph Street; thence Northly along said right-of-way to the point of beginning. Said land being part of Lot 52, FOURTH WARD, Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi. Parcel number 161D-0-02-141.000
I will convey only such title as vested in me as such Trustee. WITNESS my signature, upon this, the 4th day of January, A.D., 2023.
Joshua W. Closson, Trustee
PUBLISH DATES:
January 11, 2023
January 18, 2023
January 25, 2023
February 1, 2023

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 10, 2015, executed by CHRISTOPHER A CONNERS conveying certain real property therein described to LAUREL F. PAULK, PLLC, as Trustee, for MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR GMFS, LLC, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi filed and recorded July 14, 2015, in Deed Book 2015, Page 13596; and
WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT-V; and
WHEREAS, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and
NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on February 15, 2023 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the front door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit:
LOTS TWENTY-ONE (21) AND TWENTY-TWO (22), BLOCK FIFTEEN (15), CLERMONT HARBOR, HANCOCK COUNTY, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AS PER PLAT MADE BY JOHN L. PEARCE, SURVEYOR, AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK IN BOOK OF TOWN PLATS, NUMBER 1, PAGES 49, 50, 52, ON MAY 31, 1911, OR ANY SUBSEQUENT UPDATES OR REVISIONS THEREOF, AND BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO THE CATHOLIC DIOCESES OF NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI ON NOVEMBER 1914 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK C-7 AT PAGE 404, AND ALSO BEING A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED BY THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NATCHEZ-JACKSON TO MOST. REV. JOSEPH LAWSON HOWSE AND HIS SUCCESSORS IN OFFICE ON JUNE 6, 1977, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK AA-22 AT PAGE 143, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. LESS AND EXCEPT: A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A 12 STRIP OF LAND, LOCATED ALONG THE SOUTH 12 FEET OF LOT TWENTY-ONE (21), BLOCK FIFTEEN (15), CLERMONT HARBOR SUBDIVISION, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT TWENTY-ONE (21), SAID IRON ROD ALSO LYING ON THE WEST MARGIN OF HERON STREET; THENCE RUN S 58 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 00 SECONDS W 153.50 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT TWENTY-ONE (21); THENCE RUN PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LOT LINE OF LOT TWENTY-ONE (21) FOR 153.50 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE EAST LINE OF

SAID LOT TWENTY-ONE (21), SAID POINT ALSO LYING ON THE WEST MARGIN OF HERON STREET; THENCE RUN S 20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E 12.24 FEET ALONG SAID WEST MARGIN, BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 5133 HERRON STREET, BAY ST LOUIS, MS 39520. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Rubin Lublin, LLC 428 North Lamar Blvd, Suite 107 Oxford, MS 38655 rslaw.com/property-listing Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (470) 508-9401 PUBLISH: 01/18/2023, 01/25/2023, 02/01/2023, 02/08/2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF NOAH CHAMPEAU, A MINOR
CIVIL ACTION NO: 23CH1:22-cv-606-CB
BY: KELSIE CHAMPEAU, TAYLOR RODERICK PETITIONERS
AND DAVID DAVIS RESPONDENT
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: DAVID DAVIS
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You are summoned to appear and defend against the temporary relief sought in said Complaint or Petition at 9:00 a.m. on the 16th day of February, 2023, in the courtroom of the Harrison County, Chancery Court, Gulfport, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear and defend a Judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 6th day of January, 2023.
TIM KELLAR
CHANCERY CLERK, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: CASSIE TRIBBLE D.C.
PUBLISH DATES: Jan. 18, 2023, Jan. 25, 2023, Feb. 1, 2023.

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on November 26, 2013, Ricke R. Copenhaver, an unmarried man executed a certain deed of trust to Landmark Title & Escrow, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for Assurance Financial Group, LLC, its successors and assigns which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 2013 at Page 29773; and WHEREAS, LLG MS LLC has heretofore been substituted as Trustee by instrument dated May 25, 2022 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2022 at Page 16889; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale. NOW, THEREFORE, I, LLG MS LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on February 15, 2023 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the front door of the County Courthouse at 152 Main St., Bay St. Louis, MS, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Lot 4, SPANISH COVE SUBDIVISION, Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision of record in

the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee. LLG MS LLC SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE LOGS Legal Group LLP 1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202 Flowood, MS 39232 (601) 981-9299 107 Spanish Cv Waveland, MS 39576 22-027893 Publication Dates: January 25, 2023, February 1, 2023, and February 8, 2023

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated December 5, 2019, executed by STANLEY B NELSON conveying certain real property therein described to CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, A NEBRASKA CORPORATION, as Trustee, for MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi filed and recorded December 23, 2019, in Deed Book 2019, Page 28974; and
WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC; and
WHEREAS, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and
NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on March 1, 2023 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the front door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit:
LOT 27, BLOCK 11, UNIT 11, DIAMONDHEAD, PHASE 2, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF WHICH IS ON FILE OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 64, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 8413 IEKE DR, DIAMONDHEAD, MS 39525. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Rubin Lublin, LLC 428 North Lamar Blvd, Suite 107 Oxford, MS 38655 rslaw.com/property-listing Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (470) 508-9401 PUBLISH: 02/01/2023, 02/08/2023, 02/15/2023, 02/22/2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
Meghan Galarza, as Mother, Next Friend, Parent and Natural PLAINTIFFS/PETITIONERS vs.
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:22-633-MA
David Bowman, Nikki Bowman, and Permanent General Assurance Corporation of Ohio DEFENDANTS/PETITIONERS
RULE 81 SUMMONS (Service by Publication; residence unknown)
TO: Dustin Babin (Whereabouts Unknown)
You have been made Defendant in the minor settlement proceeding filed in this Court by the Plaintiff Petitioner, Meghan Galarza. The Petition filed by Meghan Galarza to approve minor settlement of D.G. is against your interest. You are required to appear and show cause as to why this Petition should not be granted at: 9:00 a.m., on the 29th day of

March, 2023, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Chancery Court located in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, HANCOCK COUNTY CHANCERY COURT CLERK, 152 Main Street, Ste. A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.
ORDERED this the 12 day of January, 2023.
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: CASSIE TRIBBLE, D.C.
PUBLISH DATES: JAN. 18, 2023, JAN. 25, 2023, FEB. 1, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
Meghan Galarza, as Mother, Next Friend, Parent and Natural Guardian of C.C., a minor
PLAINTIFFS/PETITIONERS
vs.
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:22-648-MA
David Bowman, Nikki Bowman, and Permanent General Assurance Corporation of Ohio
DEFENDANTS/PETITIONERS
RULE 81 SUMMONS
(Service by Publication; residence unknown)
TO: Trae Cayouette
(Whereabouts Unknown)
You have been made Defendant in the minor settlement proceeding filed in this Court by the Plaintiff Petitioner, Meghan Galarza. The Petition filed by Meghan Galarza to approve minor settlement of C.C. is against your interest.
You are required to appear and show cause as to why this Petition should not be granted at 9:00 a.m., on the 29th day of March, 2023, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Chancery Court located in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, HANCOCK COUNTY CHANCERY COURT CLERK, 152 Main Street, Ste. A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.
ORDERED this the 12 day of January, 2023.
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: CASSIE TRIBBLE, D.C.
PUBLISH DATES: JAN. 18, 2023, JAN. 25, 2023, FEB. 1, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RALPH EUGENE LANGHORNE, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:22-cv-613-JP
AMBER D. LaFONTAINE, ADMINISTRATRIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were granted to the undersigned as Administratrix of the Estate of RALPH EUGENE LANGHORNE, deceased, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on or about the 2nd day of December, 2022, in the above styled and numbered cause, in said Court; and notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication hereof, and that failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the same.
THIS, the 9th day of December, 2022.
s/Amber D. LaFontaine
AMBER D. LAFONTAINE, Administratrix
Preston J. Mauffray (MSB #101131)
Attorney at Law, PLLC
P.O. Box 4272
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521
Telephone: (228) 216-6124
Facsimile: (866) 216-6124
PUBLISH ON: 1/18/2023; 1/25/2023; and 2/01/2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLES XAVIER PERNICIAIRO, SR., DECEASED
CAUSE NO: 23CH1:22-cv-72-CB
SUMMONS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: HEIRS AT LAW OF CHARLES XAVIER PERNICIAIRO, SR., DECEASED
You have been made a Defendant in this suit filed in this Court by CATHY G. PERNICIAIRO, Administratrix of the Estate of CHARLES XAVIER PERNICIAIRO, SR., deceased, seeking judicial declaration of the heirs at law of CHARLES XAVIER PERNICIAIRO, SR., deceased. The Defendants other than you in this action are: Charles X. Perniciaro, Jr. and Rachel P. Perniciaro, who along with CATHY G. PERNICIAIRO are alleged to be the sole heirs of the decedent.
You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 p.m. on March 1, 2023 in the Chancery Courtroom at the Harrison County Courthouse, 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings but you

may do so if you so desire.
ISSUED under my hand and seal of office, this the 17th day of January, 2023.
Timothy Kellar
Chancery Clerk
By: Bridgette Ladner
Deputy Clerk
152 Main Street, Ste. A
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-5406
Michael D. Haas, Jr., MS Bar No. 5091
Haas and Haas Attorneys
201 N. Second Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
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Publish: 1/25/2023; 2/1/2023; 2/8/2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
HL&C-HANCOCK, LLC
PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
CIVIL ACTION NO. 23CH1:22-cv-00623-JS
CECIL VAUGHN LILES, JR.; HONORABLE W. CROSBY PARKER, IN HIS CAPACITY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI;
HONORABLE LYNN FITCH IN HER CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 30, 2017; PARCEL NO. 139B-0-29-252.000; PPIN 39885; LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 730, SHORELINE PARK, UNIT 11, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: CECIL VAUGHN LILES, JR.
10048 Eden Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by HL&C- Hancock, LLC, a Mississippi limited liability company, seeking to confirm and quiet title. Defendants other than you in this action are District Attorney for Hancock County, Mississippi, Hon. W. Crosby Parker; Attorney General for the State of Mississippi, Hon. Lynn Fitch; Hancock County, Mississippi. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Jeffrey L. Hall, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is Post Office Box 18307, Hattiesburg, MS 39404 and physical address is 101 Madison Plaza, Hattiesburg, MS 39402.
You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to Jeffrey L. Hall, attorney for the plaintiff, whose mailing is P.O. Box 18307, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39404-8307 and physical address is 101 Madison Plaza, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39402.
Your response must be mailed or delivered not later than thirty (30) days after the 25TH day of January, 2023, which is the date of the first publication of this Summons or a judgment by default will be entered against you for the money or other relief demanded in the Complaint.
You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.
ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court, on this the 17TH day of January, 2023.
CHANCERY COURT CLERK
HANCOCK, MISSISSIPPI
BY: /s/Bridgette Ladner
DEPUTY CLERK
Publish:
January 25, 2023
February 1, 2023
February 8, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROGER DALE ASHER (DECEASED) CAUSE NO. 23CH1:22-cv-592 JS
KAREN SUE ASHER, PLAINTIFF VERSUS UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF ROGER DALE ASHER (DECEASED), DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO:THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF ROGER DALE ASHER a/k/a DALE ASHER (DECEASED), if they be living and not to be found therein after diligent search and inquiry and whose places of residence, post office and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent street search and inquiry to ascertain the same; and if dead, their unknown devisees, executors, administrators or legal representatives are not to be found after diligent search and inquiry and whose places of residence, post office and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent street search and inquiry to ascertain the same
You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit filed in the Court by Plaintiff, KAREN SUE ASHER, in her Petition for Determination of Heirship seeking to have the

Court establish the heirs-at-law of ROGER DALE ASHER a/k/a DALE ASHER (DECEASED) and seeking to adjudicate THAT the sole and only heirs-at-law of ROGER DALE ASHER a/k/a DALE ASHER are his wife, KAREN SUE ASHER, and his children, VICTORIA LYNN MELTON, MELANIE KAY KORMONDY and STACIE LEE CARR.
IF TO BE FOUND IN THIS COUNTY, to be and appear before the Honorable Jennifer Schloegel of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to be held at the Harrison County Chancery Courthouse, First Judicial District on the 6th day of March, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in Gulfport, Mississippi, next, then and there to show cause, if any they can, why KAREN SUE ASHER, VICTORIA LYNN MELTON, MELANIE KAY KORMONDY and STACIE LEE CARR should not be declared to be the sole heirs-at-law of ROGER DALE ASHER a/k/a DALE ASHER (DECEASED), according to law. YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action on the date and time as set forth herein above before the Honorable Jennifer Schloegel in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.
ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 19th day of January, 2023.
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK
By: Bridgette Ladner, D.C.
Publish: January 25, February 1 and 8, 2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NO. 23-00029-CB
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 19th day of January, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executrix of the Estate of Leland Ray Kendrick, deceased, in Cause No. 23-00029-CB, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.
This the 20th day of January, 2023.
Melinda K. Kendrick
Executrix
Frederick T. Hoff, Jr.
Wise Carter Child & Caraway, P.A.
2510 14th Street, Suite 1125
Gulfport, MS 39501
Tel. No.: 228-867-7141
Fax: 228-867-7142
Email: fth@wisecarter.com
Attorney
PUBLISH DATES: JANUARY 25, 2023, FEBRUARY 1, 2023, FEBRUARY 8, 2023

The Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District will receive sealed bids at the Central Office, 200 N. Second Street, Bay St. Louis MS 39520 until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 for Child Nutrition serving lines at Bay-Waveland Middle School. Bid packets and complete specifications may be obtained by contacting Brittany Logue, Director of Child Nutrition at blogue@bwsd.org. The Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District reserves the right to accept/reject any and all bids and waive form informalities.
PUBLISH DATES: Jan. 25, 2023, Feb. 1, 2023.

SECTION 00090
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
NOTICE: Bidders
Sealed Bids will be received by the HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION at 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, MS, until 9:00 A.M., February 28, 2023, and shortly thereafter opened and read for: PORT BIENVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK
PB2302-REPAIRS TO MANUFACTURING FACILITY
Project Manuals may be examined at the HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION, 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, MS, at the office of the Design Engineer, Compton Engineering, Inc., 3036 Longfellow Drive in Bay St. Louis, or online at www.portairspacework.com. The bid documents are being made available online via original paper copy or compact disc upon payment \$125.00 per paper copy and \$75.00 per compact disc. The drawings bound in the bid documents are photographic reductions of the original tracings. Cost includes shipping and handling for each set. The cost of bid documents is non-refundable and bid documents must be purchased through the website. Return of documents is not required. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for online registration. For information regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing at 662-407-0193. For information regarding this project, contact Compton Engineering's office at 228-467-2770 in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Sealed paper bids may be submit-

ted to the Hancock Port & Harbor Commission at 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, MS. Bids may also be submitted electronically. When bids are submitted electronically, the same requirements for submitting sealed bids shall apply. Electronic bids shall be submitted online at www.portairspacework.com and shall include a document on the first page stating the same language required on the face of the sealed envelope. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Plan House Printing at 662-407-0193. A pre-bid conference has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 1:30 P.M. at the David N. McDonald Training Center at Port Bienville, 3060 Port & Harbor Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. The right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities, and to award the Contract to serve the best interest of the Owner. By submitting a proposal, each bidder waives any and all claims for damages against the Owner concerning any failure or decision of the Owner to not accept the bid. The Owner may choose to award the base bid alone or base bid and any combination of alternates. Minority and women's business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities, equipment, materials and/or supply needs. The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. Authorized Representative of Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission By: Blaine LaFontaine, Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, CEO
Publish in the Sea Coast Echo and Sun Herald
On January 25, 2023 & February 1, 2023.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:22-cv-00675-CB
HELENE JOHNSON, DECEASED
JESSICA WOOLDRIDGE, PETITIONER
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
Letters of Administration having been granted on the 23rd day of January, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Helene Johnson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
THIS 26th day of January, 2023.
s/JESSICA WOOLDRIDGE
PUBLISH: January 26, 2023, February 2, 2023, February 9, 2023

Request for Proposal
Athletic Field Lighting (2023)
The Hancock County School District is requesting sealed bids for LED Lighting for the Hancock Athletic Fields. These fields include the Hancock Football, Softball, and Baseball stadiums. Statement of Need
Hancock County School District wishes to install new LED lights at all exterior Hancock Athletic Fields. The preferred light of choice is the FSP Pro Series Sparta Light (113,000 lumens, or a light of similar performance in all respects. The District is requesting a lighting package that represents a light for light replacement in terms of visibility from our current setup. All prospective vendors that have questions should contact Jamie Sisco, at jsisco@hancock-schools.net with the subject line "Hancock Athletic Field Light Project".
Bid Submission Instructions
Bids will be opened on March 1st at 8:30 AM at the Hancock County School District Office at 18375 HWY 603 Kiln, MS. Bids can be submitted electronically via www.centralbidding.com or in a sealed envelope clearly marked as follows:
"2023 Hancock Athletic Field LED Lighting"
Envelopes not marked will remain sealed.
The Hancock County School District reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and waive any informalities.
It is the sole responsibility of the respondents to ensure their responses arrive in a timely manner. Late arrivals will be rejected. The Hancock County School District is not responsible for delays of any commercial carrier or delays incurred by the respondents. Certificate of Responsibility
Each Bidder submitting a bid in excess of \$50,000 on public projects must show on his bid

and on the face of the envelope containing the bid, his Certificate of Responsibility Number, as required by Section 31-3-5 and 31-3-21 (latest edition) Mississippi Code of 1972. If the bid does not exceed the amount of \$50,000 on public projects, a notation so stating must appear on the face of the envelope. When multiple contractors submit a joint venture bid in excess of \$50,000.00 on public projects, a Joint Venture Certificate of Responsibility Number is required on the bid and face of the envelope. If the Joint Venture has not Joint Venture Certificate of Responsibility number, then each member of the Joint Venture must indicate their individual Certificate of Responsibility numbers on the bid and on the face of the envelope.
Each subcontractor whose Subcontract exceeds \$50,000 on public projects shall have a Certificate of Responsibility Number, as required by Section 31-3-15 and 31-3-21 (latest version), Mississippi Code.
No bid will be opened, considered or accepted unless the above information is given as specified. Sufficient evidence that said Certificate of Responsibility has been issued and is in effect at the time of receiving bids must be submitted when required by the Owner. Likewise, it shall be the responsibility of the Prime Contractor to require a Certificate of Responsibility Number from any subcontractor where applicable. Evaluation Methodology
A contract shall be awarded based on the vendor submission that best meets the needs of the school system.
The following factors will be considered when evaluating proposals:
•Price of goods and services
•Walkthrough/On-Site Survey Completed
•Preference will be given for prior positive experience with the vendor.
•Preference will be given to Mississippi based vendors.
•Be able to supply all products and services.
•Be an authorized dealer in the State of Mississippi for all products.
•Be able to demonstrate that the proposed solution can integrate with existing systems without problems or downtime that would affect a school day.
Hancock County School District will look at all bids and determine what is in the best interest of the school district.
Hancock County School District reserves the right to accept or reject all proposals or sections thereof when the rejection is in the best interest of the school system. Hancock County School District reserves the right to award to other than the lowest bidder when, in the judgement of the district administration, it is in the best interest of the district to do so. Hancock County School District reserves the right to award without further discussion. Hancock County School District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals any part or parts of a proposal, waive any technicalities/informalities, increase or reduce quantities, make modifications or specifications, and award any or the entire contract in a manner that is in the best interest of Hancock County School District.
Contracts will be awarded to the vendor submitting the proposal determined to be in the best interests of Hancock County School District.
Current Equipment
•All current lights and wiring from the base of pole up will be replaced
Equipment & Installation Specification
Below are specifics for the scope of our project:
•Light for light replacement at all fields in terms of visibility provided
•FSP Pro Series Sparta Light – 113,000 Lumens, or a light of similar performance in all respects
•Night lights with photo cell on both poles on the visitor side of football stadium
•Verify all breaker sizes and adjust
•#4 THHN wiring for each pole from the base of light pole to the top of light pole
•10 year warranty on all lights
•Extend tap point for lights up to basket platform at football stadium on all poles for maintenance accessibility
PUBLISH DATES: Feb. 2, 2023, Feb. 9, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LELAND RAY KENDRICK, DECEASED BY NO. 23-cv-00029-CB
MELINDA K. KENDRICK, EXECUTRIX
PETITIONER
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: The unknown heirs at law of LELAND RAY KENDRICK, whose present residences and addresses are unknown. You have been made a Defendant in the lawsuit filed in this Court by MELINDA K. KENDRICK, executrix of this estate, seeking a judicial determination of the heirs-at-law of Leland Ray Kendrick, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition To

Determine Heirs at Law of Leland Ray Kendrick at 9:00 a.m. on the 12th day of April, 2023, in the Chancery Courtroom of Harrison County, Mississippi, 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a Judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.
You are not required to file an Answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 23rd day of January, 2023.
TIMOTHY KELLAR
CHANCERY COURT CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: Bridgett Ladner
DEPUTY CLERK
Frederick T. Hoff, Jr., Attorney
Wise Carter Child & Caraway, P.A.
2510 14th Street, Suite 1125
Gulfport, Mississippi 39501
Telephone: (228) 867-7141
Fax: (228) 867-7142
fth@wisecarter.com
PUBLISH DATES: FEB. 2, 2023, FEB. 9, 2023, FEB. 16, 2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Fiscal Agent For
TWIN DISTRICTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
WIOA MONITOR
Program Year 2022
Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District (SMPDD) is soliciting proposals for fiscal and programmatic monitoring for SMPDD and the Twin Districts Workforce Development Area (TDWDA) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) subrecipient operations and participant services. SMPDD requests proposals from individuals/organizations for either the fiscal or programmatic monitoring of our TDWDA WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth services or propose to perform both. SMPDD is soliciting proposals through this REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) for the provision of subrecipient program compliance monitoring services in the following TDWDA counties: Clarke, Covington, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Leake, Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Pearl River, Perry, Scott, Smith, Stone, and Wayne.
The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be available on SMPDD's website at www.smpdd.com/ publications after 9:00 AM (CST) on Monday January 30, 2023. Submission deadline for all qualified proposals is Friday, February 24, 2023, at 12:00 PM (CST). For questions regarding the RFP, please contact Patricia Morrison by e-mail only at pmorrison@smpdd.com by close of business February 15, 2023. A written response will be posted at www.smpdd.com/publications. SMPDD/TDWDA is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to those with disabilities. TTY/ TDD1-800-582-2233
PUBLISH DATE: FEB. 2, 2023

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, Michael L. Haverty executed and delivered to Catherine W. Lee, as Trustee for the benefit of Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the Government of the United States of America, a Deed of Trust dated November 13, 2006, which is recorded in Book 2007 at Page 20958 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the Government of the United States of America substituted Underwood Law Firm PLLC as Trustee under the Deed of Trust by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2023 at Page 314; and



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WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of the indebtedness secured thereby, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the Government of the United States of America, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell the land and property in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee's fees, and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, Underwood Law Firm PLLC, as Substituted Trustee under the Deed of Trust, will on March 2, 2023, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash within legal hours (between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described property together with all improvements thereon situated in Hancock County, Mississippi:

Beginning at a stake on the northern line of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad distant on a course North 50° 15' East 42.42 chains from the point of intersection of said northern line of right of way with the West line of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 (or S 1/2 of Lot 3) of Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 14 West; thence North 32° West 9.18 chains to the North line of said Section 17; thence East 4.245 chains, thence South 32° East 6.935 chains to said northern line of said right of way; thence South 58° 15' West 3.60 chains to the place of beginning; containing 2.9 acres, and being part of the N 1/2 of Lot 2 of Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, less and except road, as per survey recorded with deed in Book BB-56, Page 666. Together with all and singular rights privileges, improvements and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appearing.

UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM PLLC will convey only such title as is vested in it as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURE, this the 23rd day of January, 2023.

/s/ Andrew R. Wilson
Andrew R. Wilson (Miss. Bar #102862)
UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM PLLC
P.O. Box 1874
Madison, MS 39130
Phone: (601) 981-7773
File No. 22120244
PUBLISH: The Sea Coast Echo (02/02/2023, 02/09/2023, 02/16/2023, 02/23/2023)

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WHEREAS, on July 19, 2010, Michael W. Mirandy, and wife, Sherry D. Mirandy, as an estate in the entirety with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common executed a certain deed of trust to ReconTrust Company, N.A., Trustee for the benefit of Bank of America, N.A. which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 2010 at Page 16560; and WHEREAS, LLG MS LLC has heretofore been substituted as Trustee by instrument dated January 18, 2023 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust c/o U.S. Bank Trust National Association, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale. NOW, THEREFORE, I, LLG MS LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on March 1, 2023 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the front door of the County Courthouse at 152 Main St., Bay St. Louis, MS, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Legal Description: All that certain property situated in the county of HANCOCK, and State of MISSISSIPPI, being described as follows: PARCEL ID: 149E-0-29-200.000 and being more fully described in a deed dated 07/09/1991, and recorded 07/08/1991, among the land records of the county and state set forth above, in Deed Book BB62, page 59. THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SITUATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY,, MISSISSIPPI, TO-WIT: LOT 28 AND 29, BLOCK 2, PERKINS SUBDIVISION, FIRST WARD, CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS PER PLAT THE OFFI-

CIAL PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN BOOK G-6, AT PAGE 433 OF THE DEEDS RECORDS OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. PARCEL ID: 149E-0-29-200.000 . BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO MICHAEL V. MIRANDY AND WIFE, SHERRY D. MIRANDY, AS AN ESTATE IN THE ENTIRETY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP AND NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON BY DEED FROM GODFREY S. DELCUZE, MORGAN T. DELCUZE, ROBERT V. DELCUZE AND WILLIAM L. DELCUZE RECORDED 07/08/1991 IN DEED BOOK BB62 PAGE 59, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee. LLG MS LLC SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE LOGS Legal Group LLP 1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202 Flowood, MS 39232 (601) 981-9299 339 Demontluzin Avenue Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520 22-028464 Publication Dates: February 2, 2023, February 9, 2023, February 16, 2023, and February 23, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. FANDISON, DECEASED, AKA WILLIAM J. FANDISON, JR. CASE NO. 23CH1:22-CV-00601-JP
ARLENE JOHNSON EXECUTRIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary having been issued the 12th day of December, 2022 by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi to the Executrix of the Estate of William J. Fandison a/k/a William J. Fandison, Jr., deceased, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons having claims against said Estate to present same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. This the 24th day of January 2023.
ARLENE JOHNSON, EXECUTRIX
By: /s/ Owen R. McNally
Owen R. McNally, MSBN 104777
McNALLY LAW, PLLC
4011 Beatline Rd., Suite 10
Long Beach, MS 39560
Phone: 228-900-2500/ Fax: 228-285-1726
owen@omcnallylaw.com
PUBLISHED: February 2, 9, & 16, 2023

Emergency Food and Shelter Program
Hancock County, MS Notice
Hancock County, MS has been awarded a total of \$16,872 in federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board program to supplement emergency food and shelter programs locally in 2023..
The selection was made by a national board that is chaired by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; and the United Way of America. The board distributes funds to help supplement and expand food and shelter programs in high-need areas of the county.
A local board made up of community leaders and representatives of the United Way, the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross and other charitable organizations will determine how the local funds are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in Hancock County.
Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: (1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, (2) have an accounting system, (3) practice nondiscrimination, (4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and (5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Agencies must use these funds to supplement and expand existing services aimed at providing emergency food and shelter in Hancock County, MS and not as a substitute for other program funds or to start new programs. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.
Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds for Hancock County have been previously been distributed to St. Gerard Community Outreach, Catholic Social Services, Diocese of Biloxi; the Hancock County Food Pantry; the Hancock Resource Center and Feeding the Gulf Coast Food Bank.
Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact the Hancock County EFSP Local Board Chair, John Wittliff, at 225-329-9446 for information and an application package. The completed application package must be returned to John Wittliff no later than 5 pm on Thursday, February 16, 2023.

PUBLISH DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LARRY HARMON, DECEASED
NO. 23-0007 (CB) MELINDA STRETZINGER and DOROTHY GRAY
CO-ADMINISTRATRICES
Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration for the Estate of Larry Harmon, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 24th day of January, 2023 and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar this claim.
THIS the 25th day of January, 2023.
MELINDA STRETZINGER and DOROTHY GRAY
BY: /s/ Kimber R. Roten
KIMBER R. ROTEN, MSB #105578
Wise Carter Child & Caraway, PA 2510 - 14th St., Ste. 1125 Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 867-7141
PUBLISHING DATES: FEBRUARY 2, 2023, FEBRUARY 9, 2023, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNA BANISTER, DECEASED
CAUSE NO: 23CH1:22-cv-00677-MA
CHARLES BANISTER, III, PETITIONER
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 23rd day of January, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Anna Banister, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
THIS 2nd day of February, 2023.
s/CHARLES BANISTER, III
PUBLISH: February 2, 2023, February 9, 2023 and February 16, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
AMERICAN PRIDE PROPERTIES, LLC PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
CAUSE NO. 22-645
JANET L. RATCLIFF, ALL HEIRS OF JANET L. RATCLIFF;
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; W. CROSBY PARKER IN HIS CAPACTY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS
HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH
SOLD FOR 2019 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD VALOREM TAXES VIZ: LOT 27 BLK 104 BAYSIDE UN1 SEC 00 TWP 00 RANGE 00 Parcel #: 163C-0-06-472.000
Dist: 2451 City: 0 School: 2
HANCOCK County Reference: Bk: 2012 Page 12797 Date 12/17/2012
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: JANET L. RATCLIFF, ALL HEIRS OF JANET L. RATCLIFF;
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; W. CROSBY PARKER IN HIS CAPACTY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS
HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH
SOLD FOR 2019 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD VALOREM TAXES VIZ: LOT 27 BLK 104 BAYSIDE UN1 SEC 00 TWP 00 RANGE 00 Parcel #: 163C-0-06-472.000
Dist: 2451 City: 0 School: 2
HANCOCK County Reference: Bk: 2012 Page 12797 Date 12/17/2012
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
NOTICE
This is a suit by American Pride Properties, LLC, to Quiet and Confirm Tax Title and for other relief to that certain property legally described as:
DESCRIPTION OF LAND: 27 BLK 104 BAYSIDE UN1 SEC 00 TWP 00 RANGE 00
PARCEL#: 163C-0-06-472.000
DIST: 2451 CITY: 0

SCHOOL: 2
HANCOCK COUNTY REFERENCE: BK: 2012 PAGE: 12797
DATE: 12/17/2012
located in Hancock County, Mississippi.
Plaintiff, American Pride Properties, LLC, obtained its interest in the subject property by virtue of that Quitclaim Deed and Assignment dated October 27, 2022, and recorded on November 16, 2022, in Deed Book 2022 at Page 17804 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Plaintiff is the successor in interest to MS TL LLC TESCO Custodian, who was the highest and best bidder at the August 31, 2020, Hancock County, Mississippi ad valorem tax sale wherein the taxes were not redeemed and it was granted a Chancery Clerk's Conveyance Land Sold for Taxes dated October 17, 2022, and recorded on October 17, 2022, in Deed Book 2022 at Page 15839 which was recorded in the office of the aforesaid chancery clerk.
If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this property, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Quiet and Confirm Title and For Other Relief to the attorney for Plaintiffs, Negrotto & Associates, PLLC, c/o Lewie G. "Skip" Negrotto, IV, the attorney for Plaintiffs, whose post office address is 300 Davis Ave., Suite 101A, Pass Christian, MS 39571. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE 2nd day of February 2023, WHICH IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.
You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk of this Court is 152 Main Street, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.
Tim Kellar, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi
DATED: 1/25/23
BY: Bridgette Ladner
DEPUTY CLERK
Publish Three (3) times: February 2, 2023, February 9, 2023 and February 16, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AMERICAN PRIDE PROPERTIES, LLC PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
CAUSE NO. 23-45
JOHN WALTON MORGAN, III; ALL HEIRS OF JOHN WALTON MORGAN, III; MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; DIAMOND-HEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; W. CROSBY PARKER, IN HIS CAPACITY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS
HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE WITHIN DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH WAS SOLD FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI TAXES ON AUGUST 31, 2020, VIZ: LOT 37 BLK 2 DIAMONDHEAD PH 2 UN 7 SEC 00 TWP 00 RANGE 00 PARCEL #: 067H-2-25-276.000
DIST: 2453 CITY: 4 SCHOOL: 2
BK: 2018 PAGE: 14995
DATE: 12/12/2018
DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: JOHN WALTON MORGAN, III; ALL HEIRS OF JOHN WALTON MORGAN, III; MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; DIAMOND-HEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; W. CROSBY PARKER, IN HIS CAPACITY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS
HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE WITHIN DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH WAS SOLD FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI TAXES ON AUGUST 31, 2020, VIZ: LOT 37 BLK 2 DIAMONDHEAD PH 2 UN 7 SEC 00 TWP 00 RANGE 00 PARCEL #: 067H-2-25-276.000
DIST: 2453 CITY: 4 SCHOOL: 2
BK: 2018 PAGE: 14995
DATE: 12/12/2018
NOTICE
This is a suit by American Pride Properties, LLC, to confirm tax title and for other relief to that certain property legally described as:
LOT 37 BLK 2 DIAMONDHEAD PH 2 UN 7 SEC 00 TWP 00 RANGE 00 PARCEL #: 067H-2-25-276.000
DIST: 2453 CITY: 4 SCHOOL: 2
BK: 2018 PAGE: 14995
DATE: 12/12/2018
Plaintiff, American Pride Properties, LLC, obtained its

interest from MSTL, LLC Tesco Custodian via a Quitclaim Deed and Assignment dated October 27, 2022, and recorded on November 16, 2022, in Book 2022 at Page 17799 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. MS TL, LLC Tesco Custodian being the highest and best bidder at the August 31, 2020, Hancock County, Mississippi ad valorem tax sale for the 2019 taxes which were not redeemed during the statutory redemption period and who obtained a Chancery Clerk's Conveyance dated October 17, 2022, which was recorded on October 17, 2022, in Book 2022 at Page 15842 in the office of the aforesaid chancery clerk.
If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in the real property or personal property contained therein, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Quiet and Confirm Title and For Other Relief to the attorney for the Plaintiffs, Lewie G. Negrotto IV, Esq., whose physical address is 300 Davis Avenue, Ste. 101A, Suite 200, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE 2nd day of February 2023, WHICH IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.
You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk of this Court is 152 Main Street, Ste A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi
DATED: 1/25/23
BY: Bridgette Ladner
DEPUTY COURT CLERK
Publish For (3) times: February 2, 2023 February 9, 2023 February 16, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:22-cv-00675-CB
HELENE JOHNSON, DECEASED
JESSICA WOOLDRIDGE, PETITIONER
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Any and all unknown heirs-at-law of Helene Johnson, deceased whose place of residence, street and post office address are unknown to Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry. You have been made a Defendant in a Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Jessica Wooldridge, Petitioner, seeking the determination of heirs at law of Helene Johnson, deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are: any person with a claim as an heir-at-law or wrongful death beneficiary of Helene Johnson.
You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 21st day of March, 2023, in the courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse, in Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.
You are not required to file an answer or pleading but you may do so if you desire.
ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 26th day of January, 2023.
Tim Kellar,
Hancock County Chancery Clerk
s/Cassie Tribble, D.C.
Publication Dates: February 2, 2023, February 9, 2023 and February 16, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARION AUCOIN FAYARD
CAUSE NO.:23CH1-23-47 JS
BY: BARBARA F. WORREL
EXECUTRIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HANCOCK COUNTY
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 26th day of January, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi to the undersigned upon the Estate of Marion Aucoin Fayard, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
This the 26th day of January, 2023
/s/Barbara F. Worrel
BARBARA F. WORREL
CLEMENT S. BENVENUTTI
Attorney at Law
Post Office Box 2718
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521 (228) 467-0744
MS BAR NO. 2435
PUBLISH DATES: February 2, 2023, February 9, 2023, and February 16, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE:
UNDER CONSIDERATION
FOR MISSISSIPPI LANDMARK DESIGNATION
Valena C. Jones School, located at 310 Old Spanish Trail, Bay St. Louis, Hancock County is under consideration for designation as a Mississippi Landmark in compliance with the provisions of the Antiquities Law of Mississippi, Section 39-7-3 et seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.
The Antiquities Law provides that publicly owned properties found to have significance may be designated Mississippi Landmarks by the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Designation recognizes the historical and/or architectural significance of the property and requires that proposed alterations that may affect the property's historic character be reviewed and approved by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.
The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History invites public comment on the proposed designation of the Valena C. Jones as a Mississippi Landmark. Comments and requests for more information should be sent to Clay Mapp, Mississippi Landmarks Coordinator, Historic Preservation Division, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205 or mslandmark@mdah.ms.gov, within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication.
PUBLISH DATES: February 2, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
DYLAN STEVENS PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
CAUSE NO. 22-CV-301-JS
ALEX SIS SHARKEY DEFENDANT
RULE 81 SUMMONS-BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
TO: ALEX SIS SHARKEY, whose present street and post office addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry, who may be a non-resident of this State. You have been made a Defendant in the Petition filed against you in the court by Petitioner Dylan Stevens regarding the Custody, Child Support, Visitation and Temporary Relief with regard to D.V.S.
You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition filed by Petitioner Dylan Stevens, at a Hearing at 9:30 a.m. on the 8th day of March, 2023, in the Harrison County Chancery Court, located at 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, 39501 before the Honorable Chancery Judge Jennifer Schloegel. In case of your failure to appear and defend a Judgment will be entered against you for the things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire to Todd N. Thriffiley, Attorney for Petitioner, at P.O. Box 3295, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521, telephone number 228-467-2400. You must also file an original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.
Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 27th day of January 2023.
TIMOTHY KELLAR
HANCOCK COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK
CASSIE TRIBBLE, D.C.
Issued at the request of:
TODD N. THRIFFILEY, Attorney at Law, 228-467-2400
PUBLISH DATES: FEBRUARY 2, 2023, FEBRUARY 9, 2023, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF JOHN C. TROCHESSET, DECEASED AND KATHLEEN N. TROCHESSET, DECEASED
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
I, WILLIAM A. PENEGUY, duly authorized Trustee of THE JOHN AND KATHLEEN TROCHESSET REVOCABLE TRUST dated January 26, 2016, hereby give notice to all persons having claims against JOHN C. TROCHESSET, now deceased, and/or KATHLEEN N. TROCHESSET, now deceased, to present the

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same to the undersigned c/o Haas & Haas Attorneys, 201 N. Second Street, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520 according to law. Failure to present the claim against the decedent to the Trustee within ninety (90) days of the date after the first publication of this notice will forever bar the claim. This the 10th day of January, 2023.
s/WILLIAM A. PENEGUY, TRUSTEE
Caroline E. Haas, MS Bar No. 104525
Haas & Haas, Attorneys at Law
201 North Second Street
Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520
Tel.: (228) 467-6574
Fax: (228) 467-6575
Publish dates: 1/18/2023; 1/25/2023; 2/1/2023

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Notice is hereby given that the Hancock County Utility Authority, will receive sealed or electronic bids at the office of the Executive Director, 401 Gulfside Street, Waveland, MS 39576, until 2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, for the following:
**HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
WESTERN REGIONAL WWTF OUTFALL RELOCATION**
The Project consist of Installation of approximately 5 miles of 8" nominal size sewer force main (25,000 linear feet by open cut methods, 1,100 linear feet by Horizontal Directional Drilling Methods and 60 linear feet of ductile iron carrier pipe installed inside of casing pipe), 50 linear feet of 16" steel casing pipe installed by Bore and Jack Methods, 13 locator wire assemblies, 2 gate valves, 2 air release valves with vault, replacement of 2 existing wastewater treatment facility effluent pumps, along with associated work and restoration of disturbed facilities.
A PRE-BID MEETING will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 9:00 A.M., local time, at the office of the Hancock County Utility Authority, 401 Gulfside Street, Waveland, MS 39576. It is strongly recommended that all prospective Bidders attend. It is also suggested that all potential subcontractors and interested parties attend.
The BID SCHEDULE may be examined at the following locations:
A. Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP)
Mississippi Development Authority, Minority & Small Business Development
Woolfolk Building
501 North West Street, Suite B 01 Jackson, MS 39201
B. South MS Contract Procurement Center
2500 14th Street, Eighth Floor Gulfport, MS 39501
Phone (228) 396-1288
Any contract awarded under this Invitation for Bids may be paid for in whole or in part with grant funding from the United States Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ") under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act). Any contract resulting from this solicitation will be subject to the terms and conditions of the funding award, the RESTORE Act Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, the Standard Sub-Award Terms and Conditions, the RETORE Act, 33 U. S. C. 1321(t), Treasury Regulations 31 C. F. R. § 34 et seq., including 31 C. F. R. §§ 34, Subpart D, all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C. F. R. Part 200 (including Appendix II to Part 200), and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations, as applicable. Notwithstanding the above, neither MDEQ nor Treasury, or any of their agents, representatives, or employees, is or will be a party to this Invitation for Bids or any resulting contract. Further, any contractor awarded a contract under this Invitation for Bids shall not be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ or Treasury. Minority and women's business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material and/or supply needs.
All bidders must make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business and women business enterprises.
The maximum time allowable for completion of said project is 250 calendar days following the Owner's written order to commence (Notice to Proceed).
The successful bidder will be required to furnish a 100% Payment and Performance Bond.
Proposals must be accompanied by a Proposal Guaranty consisting of a Bid Bond, Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid. Such security to be forfeited as liquidated damages, not penalty, by any bidder who fails to carry out the terms of the accepted Bid and/or execute the Contract and Post Performance and Payment Bond as required within the time specified.

On bids which equal or exceed \$50,000, Certificate of Responsibility number issued by the Mississippi State Board of Contractors shall be written on the outside of the envelope containing the bids. Bids of less than \$50,000 will be marked on the outside that the bid contained within does not exceed \$50,000. When bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope shall be deemed in compliance by including the same information as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.
Bids, which are for work outside of the classification listed for any bidder, shall be returned unopened.
Bids will be received from a single prime Contractor. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items, if any, as indicated in the Bid Form. This Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Brown, Mitchell & Alexander, Inc., 401 Cowan Road, Suite A, Gulfport, MS 39507, (228) 864-7612. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Thursday (between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.) and Friday (between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and Noon). Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office as described below.
Bidding documents are being made available via paper copy or pdf for a charge of \$50.00 (hard copy) or \$25.00 (CD). Plan holders are required to log-in or register for an account at www.bmaprojects.com to view and order Bidding Documents. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. The cost for the bidding documents is non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. For questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing at (228) 248-0181.
The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the prospective Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.
When submitting an electronic bid, the bid must be submitted in "pdf" format and shall contain the same information and forms as required for the paper bids. Electronic bids must be secured with a bid bond. When submitting a bid electronically, the authorized signature shall be an electronic signature or handwritten in blue-ink signature. In the event that an electronically submitted bid has a corrupted attachment, the bid will be considered null and void. When bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope shall be deemed in compliance by including the same information as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.
For an electronic bid, documents can be downloaded from Plan House Printing. Electronic bids shall be submitted at www.bmaprojects.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Plan House Printing at 662-407-0193.
Preference shall be given to resident contractors, and a nonresident bidder domiciled in a state, city, county, parish, province, nation or political subdivision having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded Mississippi public contracts only on the same basis as the nonresident bidder's state, city, county, parish, province, nation or political subdivision awards contracts to Mississippi contractors bidding under similar circumstances. In order to ensure that Mississippi's so-called Golden Rule is followed, state law requires a non-resident bidder to attach to his bid a copy of his resident state's current law pertaining to such state's treatment of non-resident contractors. Resident contractors actually domiciled in Mississippi, be they corporate, individuals or partnerships, are to be granted preference over nonresidents in awarding of contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state, city, county, parish, province, nation, or political subdivision of domicile of the nonresident.
The ability to obtain any insurance required by the contract documents must be demonstrated in the bid by the means specified in the contract documents. Proof of actual insurance coverage must be submitted within five (5) business days from the bid acceptance. In compliance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, in choosing materials for the project, the successful bidder shall be required to give preference to materials grown, produced, prepared, made or manufactured within the State of Mississippi. The forego-

ing notwithstanding, no preference shall be given to materials grown, produced, prepared, made or manufactured in the State of Mississippi when other materials of like quality produced outside the State of Mississippi may be purchased or secured at less cost, or any other materials of better quality produced outside the State of Mississippi can be secured at a reasonable cost. The Contractor shall not use any materials on the project that are grown, produced, prepared, made or manufactured outside of the United States. If such materials are not available, then those which are grown, produced, prepared, made or manufactured outside the United States may be used.
Bids shall be in letter form with the envelope or electronic attachment and bid marked plainly HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY WESTERN REGIONAL WWTF OUTFALL RELOCATION, and shall be addressed to the Executive Director, 401 Gulfside Street, Waveland, MS 39576. In addition, the envelope or electronic attachment shall list the Company Name and Address, and all applicable state and local license numbers. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any, and all bids and to waive any informality in the proposal accepted. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.
Published by order of the Hancock County Utility Authority, this the 5th day of January 2023.
Publish Dates: February 2, 2023, February 9, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
JAMES BURCH, PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
THE TULETER LAFONTAINE OLIVER TRUST, its assigns and/or known or unknown Beneficiaries or successors in trust; TULETER LAFONTAINE OLIVER, TRUSTEE (Deceased); TULETER LAFONTAINE OLIVER (Deceased); her known heirs at law, MYRON OLIVER, if living, if deceased, then his unknown heirs, devisees and/or legatees; WAYNE OLIVER, if living, if deceased, then his unknown heirs, devisees, and/or legatees; KATHY SANTINELLI, if living, if deceased, then her unknown heirs, devisees, and/or legatees; COREY OLIVER, if living, if deceased, then his unknown heirs, devisees, and/or legatees; HANNAH OLIVER, if living, if deceased, then her unknown heirs, devisees, and/or legatees; AND PHYLLIS MORAN, if living, if deceased, then her unknown heirs, devisees, and/or legatees; and any other persons, individuals, partnerships, firms, and/or corporations having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to certain real property described as Parcel Number 149M-2-30-125.000; PT. OF LOTS 318, 341, 342 & 355, THIRD WARD, BAY ST. LOUIS, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, DEFENDANTS; CIVIL ACTION NO. 23CH1:23-51-JS
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION,
TO: THE TULETER LAFONTAINE OLIVER TRUST, ITS ASSIGNS AND/OR KNOWN OR UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OR SUCCESSORS IN TRUST; MYRON OLIVER, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEN HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND/OR LEGATEES; WAYNE OLIVER, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEN HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND/OR LEGATEES; KATHY SANTINELLI, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEN HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND/OR LEGATEES; COREY OLIVER, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEN HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND/OR LEGATEES; HANNAH OLIVER, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEN HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND/OR LEGATEES; AND PHYLLIS MORAN, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEN HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND/OR LEGATEES; AND ANY OTHER PERSONS, INDIVIDUALS, PARTNERSHIPS, FIRMS, AND/OR CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE HEREIN DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY.
NOTICE: You have been made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by James Burch, Plaintiff, seeking to Quiet and Confirm Title. Suit filed as listed above. After a diligent search and inquiry of public records the defendants herein are made parties by this publication of notice as set forth under MS Rule of Civil Procedure 4(c)(4). If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in or to this property, you are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to: Eugene J. Hoffman, IV, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose street address is 303 Reese Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Your response must be mailed or delivered not later than Thirty (30) Days after the 2nd day of February, 2023, which is the first date of the publication of this Summons. OTHERWISE, YOUR RESPONSE HAS NOT BEEN SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT

BY DEFAULT HAS BEEN ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk is 152 Main St, Bay St Louis, MS 39520.
Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, MS
Dated: 01/27/2023 By: Larrinell Scarborough
Eugene J. Hoffman, IV, Esq.
303 Reese Street, Bay St Louis, MS 39520, 228-323-3330
02/02, 02/09, 02/16/2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN RE: ESTATE OF DOMINICA JAMES A/K/A MECA BORDONARO JAMES, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:23-cv-40-JS
CO-EXECUTORS' NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF DOMINICA JAMES A/K/A MECA BORDONARO JAMES, DECEASED
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 30th day of January, 2023 by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of DOMINICA JAMES A/K/A MECA BORDONARO JAMES, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from first publication, or they will be forever barred.
This 30th day of January, A.D., 2023.
DAVID JOHN SCHAEFER, CO-EXECUTOR
KAREN KOSTER SCHAEFER, CO-EXECUTOR
Caroline E. Haas, MS Bar No. 104525
Haas and Haas Attorneys
201 N. Second Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
T: (228) 467-6574
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Publish Dates: 2/2/2023; 2/9/2023; 2/16/2023

N THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
THE ESTATE OF: GARY A. VEGLIA, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:22-cv-513-JS
BY: JACQUE L. VEGLIA, Executrix
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary having been issued by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 24th day of January, 2023, to the undersigned as Executrix of the Estate of GARY A. VEGLIA, Deceased, in the above styled and numbered cause, in said Court, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate of GARY A. VEGLIA, Deceased, to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication hereof, and that failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the same.
THIS, the 30th day of January, 2023.
s/Jacque L. Veglia
JACQUE L. VEGLIA, Executrix
Preston J. Mauffray (MSB #101131)
Attorney at Law, PLLC
P.O. Box 4272
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521
Telephone: (228) 216-6124
Facsimile: (866) 216-6124
PUBLISH ON: 2/02/2023; 2/09/2023; and 2/16/2023.

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kitty CORNER

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228.255.4144 | 16840 KapaLama Road | Diamondhead, MS
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Meet Motley!

The kind lady who found this adorable boy roaming her neighborhood sensed that he was abandoned, as no one recognized him after an exhaustive campaign to reunite him with his owner. He also had the tell tale indentation in his fur indicating that he wore a collar recently. In addition, Motley responded to basic commands (sit, lay down), and walked great on a leash. We have also observed that he is very well trained, responds easily to commands, and is eager to please. This smart pup is approximately 12 months old, and is at the perfect age to learn even more from his true forever family! While in temporary care, Motley was great with the family's 5 year old child, as well as with their older dog and cat. He is described as being sweet, loving and playful. If you're looking for an activity buddy, then Motley fits the bill. We have also learned that he loves going for car rides, and is a well behaved passenger...as long as he gets to ride shotgun, that is! If you are interested in meeting Motley, please stop by the shelter during our visiting hours, Mon, Wed-Fri 10am-3:30pm or Tues 1pm-3:20pm. Or, you may call our front desk at 228-466-4516 to schedule a meet-n-greet. Please bring your kids and dog(s) along for the visit to ensure compatibility.

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AREA HAS FOUR TEAMS IN SOCCER SOUTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, LADY HAWKS STILL #1 IN MISSISSIPPI

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The postseason is heating up for several area high school soccer teams. The Bay High Tigers and Lady Tigers, Saint Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws, and Our Lady Academy Crescents all played in their respective South State championship games on Tuesday with the winners of the games advancing to meet the North State champions on Saturday in the state finals. The Bay High Tigers and Lady Tigers played in the Class 4A South State championship games while SSC and OLA played in the Class I South State games.

Basketball is closing in on the end of the regular season this week and the respective division tournaments are set to begin next week. Bay High will host the Division 8-4A tournament while Saint Stanislaus and Our Lady Academy will travel to West Marion. Hancock has to travel to Harrison Central.

• SOCCER •

The Bay High Tigers (10-6-1) beat Sumrall on Tuesday, January 24, 3-2 with Bryton Dupuy scoring two goals and Aiden Boudro adding the third goal. The Tigers then punched their ticket to the Class 4A

South State title game with a 3-1 decision over Stone on Friday, January 27. Boudro scored two goals in the game while Dupuy added the third goal.

The Lady Tigers (10-10-3) beat Poplarville 3-2 last Tuesday and Pass Christian 1-0 on Friday to earn a spot in the Class 4A South State championship game. Carlie Lumpkin scored a goal and recorded two assists in the victory over Poplarville and tallied an assist in the win over Pass Christian.

The Pass Christian Pirates (16-7-1) beat Northeast Jones 3-1 on Tuesday evening and Greene County 3-0 on Friday to earn the right to host Bay High in the Class 4A South State title game. The Lady Pirates (14-6-3) beat Northeast Jones 1-0 on Tuesday but fell to Bay High on Friday to end their season.

The Our Lady Academy Crescents (8-8-1) beat Clarkdale 4-1 on Tuesday and slipped by Sacred Heart 1-0 to claim a spot in the Class I girls South State title game.

The Saint Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws (10-6-1) beat Franklin County 5-0 on the road Tuesday night with all five goals scored by Richard Niolet. On Saturday, the Rocks beat St. Patrick 2-1 at home to advance to the Class I boys South State

championship game.

On Tuesday evening, the Tigers traveled across the bridge to take on Pass Christian while the Crescents traveled to St. Patrick for their south state appearance and the Rocks traveled to Sacred Heart Tuesday evening. If the Tigers beat Pass Christian, they will play the winner of North Pontotoc/Corinth at Brandon High School on Saturday, February 4, at 2 p.m. for the Class 4A state title. If the Lady Tigers survived Stone, they will play the winner of New Albany/West Lauderdale on Saturday, February 4, at Brandon High School at 12 noon for the Class 4A state title. If the Crescents won at St. Patrick on Tuesday evening, they will play the winner of Amory/Tupelo Christian on Saturday, February 4, at Ridgeland High School at 12 p.m. for the Class I girls state championship. If SSC beat Sacred Heart, the Rocks will play the winner of Amory/St. Andrew's at Ridgeland High School at 2 p.m. for the Class I boys state title.

• BASKETBALL •

The treacherous weather last Tuesday caused some wrinkles in the schedule last week on the hardwood. Bay High had to move their games with Pass

Christian to Wednesday and were swept by the Pirates. The Lady Tigers (15-10) dropped their game with the Lady Pirates 45-34. Kiara Burney led the charge for Bay High with 19 points while Daydria Cuevas scored 19 for Pass Christian and Arianna Crimm added 14 points.

In the boy's game, Pass Christian held on for a 45-41 victory. Brendan Necaice paced Pass Christian with 13 points and Avan Wilson led Bay High with 23 points.

The Tigers turned around and swept Moss Point Friday evening as the Lady Tigers played stingy defense and beat Moss Point 30-11. Burney led the way with 9 points. In the boys' game, the Tigers jumped out to a 25-10 haltime lead but had to hold on for a 45-41 victory over Moss Point who staged a furious second half rally. Jaden Clark led the way for Bay High with 19 points followed by Wilson's 16 points.

Bay High head coach Kelton Thompson commented, "In the girls' game, we played very well on defense throughout the game. We picked up the tempo on offense in the second half and got some clean looks at the basket. When we do that, we put ourselves in a good position. In the boys' game, we played our best first half all

season. We did a tremendous job of taking care of things on the court in the first half. We felt good about the game plan but Moss Point made some adjustments and made a few plays at the beginning of the second half that brought them close. We were able to hit some key free throws down the stretch that kept some distance between us."

Hancock split a pair of games on the court with Gulfport last week with the top-ranked Lady Hawks (25-1) pulling out a 45-43 victory behind Nina Wedgeworth's 14 points. The Hawks (12-14) fell 64-48 in the boys' game.

The Crescents dropped a pair of games last week falling to Tylertown 50-9 and Jefferson Davis County 12-0.

The Rocks (8-14) picked up a needed Division 8-3A win over Tylertown 46-40 last Wednesday. Josh Hartl scored 13 points to pace SSC followed by Spencer Cornell with 10 points. The Rocks dropped their game with Jefferson Davis County on Friday 67-48.

The regular season ends Friday evening and division basketball tournament action begins on Monday, February 6.



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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 2-2-23

- **Basketball:** Pass Christian at Pearl River, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus at St. Patrick, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY 2-3-23

- **Basketball:** Hancock vs Picayune, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** OLA at Richton, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY 2-4-23

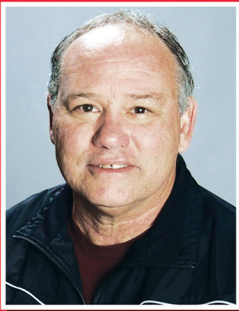
- **Basketball:** Bay High at Stone, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Class I girls state championship (OLA/St. Patrick winner vs Amory/Tupelo Christian winner) at Ridgeland High School, 12 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Class I boys state championship (Saint Stanislaus/Sacred Heart winner vs Amory/St. Andrew's winner) at Ridgeland High School, 2 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Class 4A girls state championship (Bay High/Stone winner vs New Albany/West Lauderdale winner) at Brandon High School, 12 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Class 4A boys state championship (Bay High/Pass Christian winner vs North Pontotoc/Corinth winner) at Brandon High School, 2 p.m.

MONDAY 2-6-23

- **Basketball:** Division 8-4A tournament at Bay High School (Bay High, Pass Christian), TBD.
- **Basketball:** Division 8-3A tournament at West Marion High School (Saint Stanislaus, Our Lady Academy), TBD.
- **Basketball:** Division 8-6A tournament at Harrison Central High School (Hancock), TBD.

TUESDAY 2-7-23

- **Basketball:** Division 8-4A tournament at Bay High School (Bay High, Pass Christian), TBD.
- **Basketball:** Division 8-3A tournament at West Marion High School (Saint Stanislaus, Our Lady Academy), TBD.
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2023 GOALS



I think it's a good thing to set goals for yourself. Things like getting in shape, reading books, travel, and more family time are all great examples. This also carries over into the fishing world. To often I think we get complacent in our routines. I'm just as guilty as anyone. We go and fish our "honey holes" and seldom explore new areas, use a new technique or try for different species. This year, I definitely wanna do a few more things on the water. Here's a few of the goals I'm working towards achieving this year.

More family and friend trips. I've been very lucky to have some wonderful and amazing people in my life. We have such an incredible town

and fishery here in South Mississippi. I wanna spend more time with those people on the water that are near and dear to me

Pompano! We catch these tasty critters here and there, but I've never really tried to target them. I've called a few folks that consistently catch them, and now have a general idea how to catch them. It actually sounds like a lot of fun.

Mississippi Youth records are open to anglers 16 years old and younger. My daughter has held 2 at one point in time. It is an unforgettable experience that I need to pursue harder for her and more of our younger anglers.

The birding here in South Mississippi, especially around the bar-

rier islands and in the marshes is world class. Our guides have been fortunate enough to have some expert birders come with us. Myself and Our guides are decent at it, but we can always improve in this department. It's something you can easily merge with a fishing trip too.

It's all about challenging and bettering yourself. These are just a few of the goals

I have set for 2023. I hope each and everyone of you has a very safe and wonderful year. Hopefully you'll set, and reach a few goals for yourselves!!!

BEST OF LUCK TO EVERYONE



DWGA NEWS JANUARY 2023

It was normal January weather and we were lucky to only miss one playday because of weather. On January 5th we played our monthly Trophy Day Net scoring

Karen Daugherty also had a birdie. Chip ins were had by Bet Bowen, Dianne Ackerman and Karen Daugherty had two of them.

#7 and Jodi Crosby on hole #13. Joanne Fried had a birdie. Chip ins were had by Amy Swint and Dianne Ackerman.

January 26th we played



on the Cardinal course. The Overall Winner was Jeanne Hudgins with a score of 70. The first flight winner was Marta Wald with a score of 72. Second place was Karen Dougherty with a score of 73. Third place was a tie between Bet Bowen and Joyce Teerling with a score of 74. The second flight winner was Kim Knight with a score of 74. Second place was Dianne Ackerman with a score of 77. Third place was a tie between Colleen Jones and Joanne Fried with a score of 78. Closest to the pin was Marta Wald on hole #4 and hole #17. Karen Daugherty on hole #13.

January 12th it rained on us after we had started.

January 19th we played best 9 holes out of 18 holes on the Cardinal course. First flight winner was Margie James with a score of 28. Second place was Amy Swint with a score of 30 and third place was Jodi Crosby with a score of 32. Second flight winner was Joanne Fried with a score of 28. There was a tie for second place between Dianne Ackerman and Denise Burgeron with a score of 30. Closest to the pin was Joanne Fried on hole #4 and hole #17. Marta Wald on hole

the game of Cha, Cha, Cha on the Cardinal course. The first place team was Liz Bell, Amy Swint, Lottie Williams and Patti Hourin with a score of 143. The second place team was Jodi Crosby, Terri Woolbright, Carol Kirschenbaum and Carole Griffin with a score of 143. Closest to the pin were Patti Hourin on hole #4, Jodi Crosby on hole #7, Linda Metz on hole #13 and Liz Bell on hole #17. A birdie was had by Georgeann Luxion. Chip ins were had by Lottie Williams and Carol Kirschenbaum.



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Mike Bell

BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The boys' Basketball Player of the Week is Bay High's Mike Bell. He had a tremendous week on the defensive end of the court for the Tigers as he helped Bay High defeat Moss Point and narrowly fall to Pass Christian. Between the two games, Bell successfully took five charges in addition to grabbing several rebounds.



Nina Wedgeworth

The girls' Basketball Player of the Week is Hancock's Nina Wedgeworth. She scored 14 points in the top-ranked Lady Hawks' 45-43 road win against Gulfport.



Bryton Dupuy

SOCCER PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The boys' Soccer Player of the Week is Bay High's Bryton Dupuy. He scored two goals for the Tigers in their 3-2 win over Sumrall and one goal in their 3-1 win over Stone.



Carlie Lumpkin

The girls' Soccer Player of the Week is Bay High's Carlie Lumpkin. She recorded one goal and two assists in the Lady Tigers' 3-2 win over Poplarville and one assist in their 1-0 victory over Pass Christian.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 9

• The 100 Men Hall, located at 303 Union St., Bay St. Louis, will host a screening of Andrew Abrahams' and Herb Ferrette's "American Justice on Trial: People v. Newton" at 6 p.m. The documentary revisits Black Panther co-founder Huey Newton's 1968 murder trial. The film is based on part-time BSL resident Lisa Pearlman's book "The Sky's the Limit: People v. Newton, The REAL Trial of the 20th Century?" Pearlman will be present for a Q&A after the screening. Pass Christian Books will have available both of her books "The Sky's the Limit: People v. Newton, The REAL Trial of the 20th Century?" And "Call Me Phaedra: The Life and Times of Movement Lawyer Fay Stender" for purchase. If you would like to have your book signed by the author, only books purchased from Pass Books will be signed by the

author at the event. The screening is free to the public, but event coordinators ask that attendees secure a free ticket online at www.the100menhall.com/products/american-justice-on-trial to make sure adequate seating is available. Doors and a cash/credit bar will open at 5:30 p.m.

• The Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis will host its annual Chili Mac & Cheese Cook-off at the BSL Community Hall from 5 to 8 p.m. Event entry is \$10; kids ages 5-12, \$5. \$100 per cooking team, includes four entry tickets.

• The Bay-Waveland Garden Club welcomes its members and visitors to its meeting at Johnson Hall at Christ Episcopal Church, located at 912 S. Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and camaraderie with the meeting at 10 a.m. Guest speaker is Dewon Mitchell with Magnolia Mushrooms who will discuss

and demonstrate how to grow and cook mushrooms. President Ginny Littlefield is pleased to note that the members planted over 5,000 daffodil bulbs throughout public spaces in Waveland and Bay St. Louis in January helping our communities beautification.

FEBRUARY 11

• The Krewe of Real People will host its 5th annual Mardi Gras Ball. Doors open at 6 p.m. Event begins at 7 p.m. at 301 Blaize Ave., Bay St. Louis. Tables \$200 each, seat 8 people. Individual tickets \$30. Contact Lonnie Bradley Jr. at 228-671-1039.

FEBRUARY 13

• Free Employment Skill Classes. Women's Community Support Center, located off Why. 603 in Bay St. Louis, is a non-profit organization committed to helping women from all walks of life obtain job and life skills needed to find meaningful employment and break the cycle of poverty. Our upcoming 2023, eight-week class session starts Feb. 13. Classes include: Work Force Development, Microsoft Office, Commu-

nications, Money Management, Life Skills, and more. Classes meet every week on Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Center. Call 228-586-3510 for more information and to pre-register for the upcoming class session. Classes include: Job skills, life skills, and individual Christian mentors, Bible study. The Christian Women's Job Corp. program is also offered free to any women in the community who are willing and able to attend the weekly classes for the eight weeks where they are responsible for their own transportation to and from the center. These women do not reside at Magdalene House, but do use the facility for the classes. For more information, go to www.womenscommunitysupport.org.

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2023 HANCOCK CO. PARADE SCHEDULE

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

It's time to laissez les bon temps rouler — Carnival Season is officially under way in Hancock County.

"The first Mardi Gras celebration in Bay St. Louis occurred in 1896," according to Waveland author Russell Guerin's "Louisiana's Loss, Mississippi's Gain."

"Bay St. Louis had its own distinctive form of observing the Mardi Gras in 1904. The morning of Tuesday, Feb. 17, was spent in individual masking.

"At 2:30 p.m., the royal yacht Mizpah was sighted near Pass Marianne, and



shortly afterward," according to the Feb. 20, 1904 edition of the Sea Coast Echo, "amid the booming of cannon and the strains of martial music, their gracious majesties landed at pier 990."

This year, the 44th annual Krewe of Kids is scheduled host the first Hancock County parade this year on Saturday, Feb. 11, beginning at 11 a.m.

Parade Captain Lisa Cow-

and said the parade will follow its traditional route, starting in front of Dunbar Village in Bay St. Louis for a toast with the elders there before traveling down Dunbar to Boardman, to B Street to Leonhard, back up to Dunbar, and then disband back where it started.

The krewe is seeking candidates for king and queen ages 5-12.

Please send candidates'

information to Lisa Cowand, 1005 Dunbar Ave., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 by Feb. 7.

The Krewe of Nereids will celebrate its 54th Carnival Ball and After Party on Jan. 28 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

Other Mardi Gras events scheduled include:

• **Saturday, Feb. 4**

1 pm — Pass Christian Carnival Association Parade

• **Saturday, Feb. 11**

11 a.m., the Krewe of Kids parade, on Dunbar Avenue in Bay St. Louis, beginning across from Dunbar Village.

• **Sunday, Feb. 12**

Noon — Krewe of Nereids

Parade, Bay St. Louis and Waveland

• **Saturday, Feb. 18**

Noon — Krewe of Diamondhead Mardi Gras Parade, Diamondhead

• **Sunday, Feb. 19**

Noon — St. Paul Carnival Association Parade, Pass Christian

• **Monday, Feb. 20**

5 pm — Krewe of the Seahorse Lundi Gras Golf Cart Parade, Bay St. Louis

• **Fat Tuesday, Feb. 21**

1 pm — Krewe of Real People: The Next Generation Mardi Gras Parade, Bay St. Louis



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KREWE of NEREIDS

Ladies to host 56th annual Carnival parade on Feb. 12

**BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER**

The 55th annual Krewe of Nereids parade rolls beginning at noon on Sunday, Feb. 12. The parade will start at the Hancock County Government Annex on Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis at 12 noon, and continue west in the east-bound lane, ending at Auderer Boulevard in Waveland.

The Hancock County Tourism Bureau credits the annual parade as the biggest cultural event in Hancock County every year, drawing tens of thousands of visitors and locals alike.

The Nereids parade – like the krewe itself – started small, but grew quickly.

LADIES' CHOICE

The Krewe of Nereids is the oldest Mardi Gras Krewe on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. In mythology, Nereids are sea nymphs (or female spirits of the sea), the 50 daughters of Doris and Nereus.

There are more than 50 mermaid sisters in the Krewe of Nereids.

The all-women Krewe of Nereids organized in Waveland in 1966, and has grown into one of the biggest Carnival organizations on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

According to one of the founding members, "There were seven of us who came up with the idea and started it," after attending a Wave-



The Krewe of Nereids will host its 55th annual Mardi Gras parade on Sunday, Feb. 12, beginning at noon. The parade is recognized as the biggest cultural event in Hancock County.

land Civic Assoc. St. Patrick's Day parade. "We kind of came up with the idea that it would be real neat to have a group at Waveland to promote Waveland and the businesses on Coleman Avenue.

"We met at the old drugstore and we formed the first board of directors.

"We named the organization Nereids, which were the 50 daughters of Nereus and Doris – mythological figures.

"We did most of the floats and costumes ourselves for

the first few years, and we tried to add a float to the parade each year. One of the things we wanted to do was to try to provide a lovely family atmosphere."

From the beginning, she said, "The women were to remain anonymous and the men (their dukes) were to be honored and recognized."

In the first year, she said, the original seven women in the group became 100.

Today, the Krewe of Nereids boasts more than 150 members from across the

US.

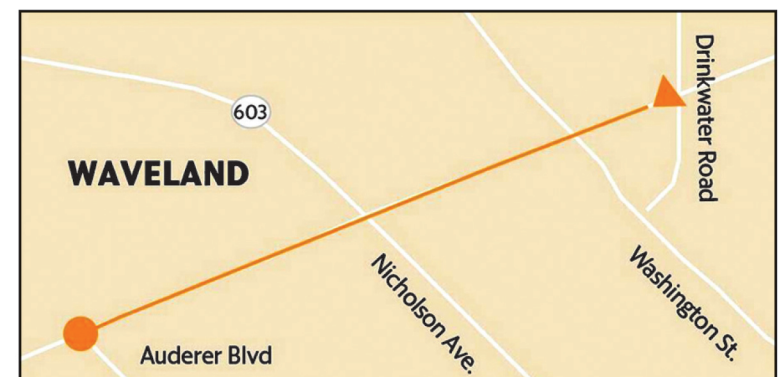
A veil of secrecy prevails over all of the group's Carnival festivities.

The Captain is the only member who knows the identities of the King, Queen, and Court each year. The members wait for years to be chosen for the honor. The Captain chooses the theme each year and all of the costumes.

The Nereids' carnival celebrations moved from the St. Joseph Academy gym to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum, and within a few years, the crowds attending the parades grew so big, they had to be moved from tiny, two-lane Coleman Avenue to four-lane Hwy. 90, the Coast's major thoroughfare.

A few years ago, the Nereids finally made public the identities of their founding seven members: Kitty Mollere, Louise Lynch, Nancy Gex, Gerry Blanchard, Elaine Colson, Claire Bourgeois and Dot Markel.

Fifty-six years after its founding, the Krewe of Nereids parade still offers a fun, family atmosphere, with a long and storied past handed down generation to generation.



KREWE OF NEREIDS PARADE ROUTE, FEB. 12, AT NOON.



Above: Queen Doris LIV toasts the crowd during the 2022 Krewe of Nereids Parade. Below: The Captain toasts then-Waveland Mayor Mike Smith.



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KREWE of DIAMONDHEAD

Celebrating Forty-seven Years of Family-Friendly Fun

**BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER**

The Krewe of Diamondhead will host its 2023 Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, Feb. 18, beginning at noon on Saturday, February 18. Applications for parade participants or questions about the parade should be directed to our Parade Director, Sandy McGraw at kdhparade@gmail.com.

The Krewe of Diamondhead has a long and storied history. The krewe formed in the 1970s. Joe Salvatore reigned as King Ali'i Honua I at the first Mardi Gras ball in 1975.

The Krewe of Diamondhead announced the Parade Marshal for this year's Mardi Gras parade will be Colonel Chuck Ingraham, who retired from the US Marine Corps after serving 30 years of active duty. Col. Ingraham served as the city of Diamondhead's first mayor, and was instrumental in its incorporation.

The Krewe of Diamondhead held its Coronation Ball for the Mardi Gras year 2023 with the theme of the James Bond 007.

As the Royal Court for 2023 were formally announced, they entered the ballroom to the song "On Her Majesty's Secret Service/ A View to A Kill" instrumental and each took their place on stage as they awaited the arrival of the King and Queen elect. The Royal Court for 2023 are Duke David Ciolino and Maid June, Duke Craig Harvey and Maid Lalet Harvey, Duke Darryl Davis and



The Krewe of Diamondhead will host its 2023 parade on Saturday, Feb. 18, beginning at noon.

Maid Judy Davis, Duke Randy Rogers and Maid Marci Rogers.

Queen elect, Suzy Smith entered the ballroom proudly escorted by her mother 1996 HRH Alice Burkhardt. This makes Suzy a legacy queen, making her only the second legacy queen in the krewe's history.

King elect Hoppy Smith was announced and entered to the traditional song "If I ever Cease to Love."

Ali'I Ho Nua the 47th Joseph Doyle and 2022 Queen Cheryl Doyle crowned Ali'I Ho Nua the 48th, Hoppy Smith; and His Queen, Suzy

Smith.

Diamondhead has several other krewes which host their own celebrations, elect their own royalty each year, and march along with the Krewe of Diamondhead, including the Krewe of Selene, the Krewe of Kamehameha (Boaters) and the Krewe of Olympus.

King Akua Kai the 47th, Ronnie LaFontaine and Queen Elaine LaFontaine will lead the Boaters this year. The members of the Boaters 2023 court are: Duke Tim Kennedy and Maid Kelly Kennedy, Duke Lynn Cox and Maid LouAnn

Cox, Equerry Ken Quebedeaux and Lady-in-Waiting Barbara Quebedeaux.

The Krewe of Olympus

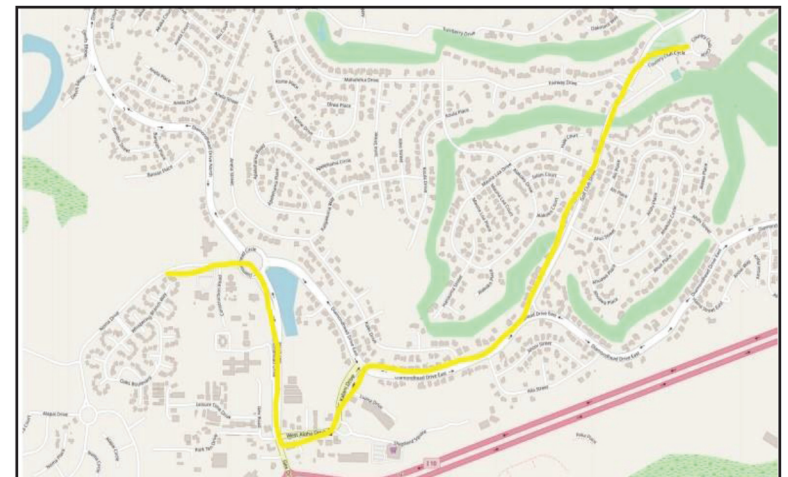
this year welcomes King Zeus XV, Wayne Ponthier, and his Queen Hera XV, JoAnn Ponthier!

The Krewe also welcomes Apollo XV, Dr. Arien "Ken" Griffey; and Aphrodite XV, Angela Griffey.

The Krewe of Olympus' debutantes for the 2023 season are Avery Matheson and Caroline Maillho.

The Krewe of Olympus was formed in 2007, and consists of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five members of the Board of Directors who hold position for no more than three consecutive years. Membership is by invitation only, and limited to 100 members. Events covered by membership dues are the cocktail/announcement dinner dance in September, the Annual Mardi Gras Ball in January, and the Toga Party or Spring Dance in March.

Other krewes such as the Krewe du Shoe and the Krewe of Tiki participate in the parade each year, but don't publicize royalty.



KREWE OF DIAMONDHEAD PARADE ROUTE, FEB. 18, AT NOON.



Ali'i Ho Nua the 48th Hoppy Smith and his Queen Suzy Smith.



The Krewe of Diamondhead 2023 Royal Court (LtoR), Duke Darryl Davis, Maid Judy Davis, Duke Craig Harvey, Maid Lalet Harvey, King Hoppy Smith, Queen Suzy Smith, Maid Marci Rogers, Duke Randy Rogers, Maid June Curtain and Duke David Ciolino).



A tropical themed float rolls through the streets of Diamondhead during last year's Krewe of Diamondhead parade.

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MYSTIC KREWE of THE SEAHORSE

Celebrating History and Revelry on Lundi Gras Night

Bay St. Louis' own pirate krewes will parade in Old Town this Lundi Gras, led by Captain Longbeard and Lady Claiborne aboard their pirate ship.

On Monday, Feb. 20 beginning at 5 p.m., The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse, the non-profit that also created the popular "Pirate Day in the Bay" event, will celebrate its 7th year with the theme of "Mutiny in the Bay".

As pirates tend to do, they have taken over the Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse and now the krewes will be led by a Captain Longbeard and Lady Claiborne, in lieu of the king and queen who led the krewes in the past. Named to their posts in December and celebrated at the Pirate Party held January 14th, Captain Longbeard is Trip Trapagnier and Lady Claiborne is Susan Humphrey. They will preside over all events related to the Seahorse Krewe this year, including Pirate Day in the Bay, the Seahorse Open and the Lundi Gras parade, plus other community events.

Organized by volunteers with the Krewe, the Lundi Gras parade is growing each year and was recently named a Top Twenty Festival or Event by Southeast Tourism Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting travel and tourism within twelve states. Revelers will enjoy unique throws, decorated golf carts and Krewe members in full



The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse will host its 2023 parade on Lundi Gras, Monday, Feb. 20, beginning at 5 p.m.

pirate costume.

"This krewes has really developed well in a short time," said Ginny Cabell, a Seahorse board member and one of the parade organizers. "Our members have helped us brand something very unique. The krewes has enveloped a community, brought in out of town visitors from our surrounding states and beyond, and allowed us to give back to our community."

The krewes' monthly meetings include a 50/50 drawing to help various causes in the community. Just to name a few, there is the Bay St. Lou-

is Community Garden, Ruth's Roots, 4-H Stem Program, King's Kitchen, Brenda's House, scholarship funds set up for fallen Officer Michael Boutte and Entergy Lineman Cayce Seal, and autism room for a nearby school, and Marine Corp. League for veteran services in our area.

The parade will roll from the corner of Depot Way and Bookter St., travel down Necaise Avenue Main Street., 2nd Street., DeMontluzin Avenue., Beach Boulevard., then disband at the parking garage on Court Street. The Seahorse Krewe welcomes

pirates of all ages to line the city streets to catch specialty light-up Seahorse beads, LED swords and throws.

The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse is named after a small ship that was instrumental during the War of 1812.

According to history the Seahorse fearlessly sailed into the Bay of St. Louis and single-handedly fought the entire British Armada. Before eventually sinking, the Seahorse was able to disable or sink several British war ships, which delayed the British advance on New Orleans.

The delay allowed Andrew Jackson sufficient time to fortify his position and defeat the British at the Battle of New Orleans.

If you'd like to participate in the parade, go to mkotsh.com or email mkotsh_treasurer@gmail.com for an application.



MYSTIC KREWE OF THE SEAHORSE PARADE, FEB. 20, AT 5 P.M.



Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse presented their 2023 Captain Longbeard, Lady Claiborne, and Honor Guard at “Mutiny in the Bay” Gala on Saturday January 14, 2023. The new crew lived up to their theme “Revenge of the Seahorse” as they dined and danced with members of the Krewe and community. The new honor guard ARRGH as follows from left, up the pyramid. Crystal Fassbender, Jill Seymour-Barnett, Kris Guidry, Linda Broadhead, Captain Longbeard’s First Mate- Debbie Baudin, Center-Lady Claiborne-Susan Brady Humphrey, Captain Longbeard Trip Trepagnier, Lady Claiborne’s First Mate - Mike Cockrell, Kirk Broadhead, Chuck Guidry, Chad Barnett, and Bryan Fassbender. “Revenge of the Seahorse” will be the theme for this year’s “Lundi Gras” Parade being held on February 20, 2023. Photographer: Brenda Comer.



Members of the Raw Oysters Marching Club dance their way through the Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse Lundi Gras parade last year. The parade draws hundreds of participants and thousands of spectators every year.



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KREWE of REAL PEOPLE

Carrying on a century-old tradition in Bay St. Louis

**BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER**

The Krewe of Real People: The Next Generation will wrap up the Mardi Gras season in Hancock County with its annual Fat Tuesday parade on Feb. 21, beginning at 1 p.m.

The parade will follow the traditional route, beginning at Necaise Avenue, turning right on Main Street to Beach Boulevard, turning right on the beach, then right on Union Street; taking Union to Blaize to Sycamore Street, finishing up at Bookter Street

“It’s not really about outside influences,” Krewe of Real People: Next Generation 2018 King Rickey Lewis said. “It’s people that were born and raised here and have a vested interest in this community. We are real people.”

In the pre-Civil Rights era, there doesn’t seem to have been much mixing of the races at Carnival time.

“At one time, Biloxi even had a Zulu parade,” Murella Hebert Powell wrote in “A Brief History of Mardi Gras.” “The black community had their own parade whose king arrived at an oil dock and marched through the streets of Biloxi in the early morning hours.”

In Bay St. Louis, the 100 Men’s Benevolent Association held sway in the 1930s, sponsoring Indian parades and an annual Carnival ball.

In a Feb. 11, 2001 Sea



Queen Deven Sharron and King Shaun Piernass lead Krewe of Real People: Next Generation parade in downtown Bay St. Louis on Fat Tuesday 2022. This year’s parade will be led by King Prescott Williams and Queen Simone Williams on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Coast Echo article written by Bennie Shallbetter, Bay St. Louis resident Alvina Nichols (who passed away in September 2016 at the age of 90) recalled her father James “Sun” Rosemond.

Just like in the New Orleans Indian parades, the men dressed in hand-made Native-American style finery, complete with buckskin and feathered head-dresses.

“Daddy would start weeks ahead getting his Indian wig ready,” Nichols said. “By stealing just a little bit of hair from a bunch of horses’ tails, that’s what it was made of, and my mother would spend weeks making

her dress.

“Everyone would work on practicing for the parade on what used to be Easy Street, and is now Karen Street. It was just a little alley.”

Nichols said her father “never missed carnival, not even the year my brother Cornell was born on Carnival day. ... He waved to my mother when the parade went by our house on Sycamore Street, and then got up on the stage at the 100 Men’s Hall and announced the birth of his son.”

Other predominantly African-American Carnival organizations continued through the 1970s, including the

Merry Makers, Les Dames, Mademoiselles Bon Amis, and the Pleasure Seekers.

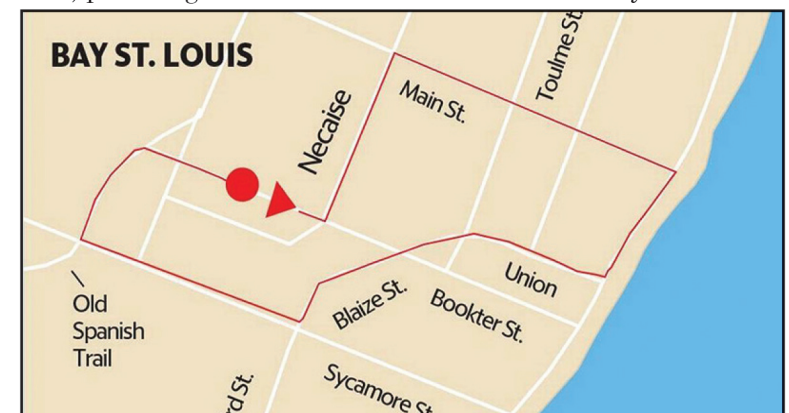
The Krewe of Real People formed in Bay St. Louis in 1981 to carry on that tradition, parading on Fat Tues-

day each year into the 21st Century, although it was more integrated.

“To be a member of the Krewe of Real People, all you have to do is want to be a member,” krewe co-founder Sandra Price told the Sea Coast Echo in 2003.

“To be willing to work with other people. We’re not big and we’re not fancy, but we put our hearts into our parade and all our activities. We want to keep this going for the community to give something back, and to keep the spirit of the season alive for the children. The letters of the name “REAL” stand for Realist, Energetic, and Loving People, Price said.

The Krewe of Real People later morphed into the Krewe of Diamonds, which operated for 12 years in the Bay before the children and grandchildren of the original Real People founders took over with the Krewe of Real People -- The Next Generation, which first paraded in 2018. The Krewe will celebrate its 2023 Carnival Ball on Feb. 11 at the Bay St. Louis Community Hall.



KREWE OF REAL PEOPLE PARADE ROUTE, FEB. 21, AT 1 P.M.



Scenes from the 2022 Krewe of Real People parade in Bay St. Louis.



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ST. PAUL CARNIVAL ASSOC.

Celebrating its 93rd annual Mardi Gras parade on Feb. 19

The St. Paul Carnival Association will host its 93rd annual Mardi Gras parade on Sunday, Feb. 19, beginning at noon.

The parade starts at the corner of Davis Avenue and Second Street, proceeds to Scenic Drive turns west to Henderson Avenue, North to St. Louis, east to Church Street, south to Second Street, east on Second to Davis Avenue.

This year's royalty includes King Christian XCIII Christopher Boswell, and Queen Christiana 2023 Angelica Espinal.

The St. Paul Carnival Association is one of the oldest Mardi Gras krewes on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, forming in 1930.

St. Paul's School was then St. Joseph and its entire fac-



The St. Paul Carnival Association will host its 93rd annual Mardi Gras parade on Sunday, Feb. 19, with the theme "Carnival de Rio."

is changed. The Ball is always held on Saturday night and the parade on Sunday preceding Shrove Tuesday. Trophies are now awarded to outstanding organizations and family floats. Beads and trinkets are thrown from the floats. In the late 60's, doubloons were added to the throws. On one side of the doubloon is a picture of the Pass Christian Marker. On the other side is a picture representing the theme of the parade for that year. It also contains the name of the Carnival Association and the year. The 1953 Kings Float was the first in the history of parades to be pulled by a tractor. The King of that parade was Doctor C.D. Taylor. Each year the King and Queen receive Carnival banners from the organization to display in front of their homes on Mardi Gras or the week of Mardi Gras to denote that they are members of the Royal Family of Christian and Christiana. Many Kings and Queens have come and gone since 1930, and many parades have rolled through the streets of the Pass.



St. Paul Carnival Association 2023 King Christopher Boswell and Queen Angelica Espinal.

ulty was composed of nuns, the Sisters of Mercy. There was very little money to operate the school so a group of ladies decided to have a Carnival ball on Mardi Gras night for the benefit of the school. This group of ladies was headed by the Knosts and the Langs. Since there were no gymnasiums in town and no other hall large enough, the first Ball of the Mercy Carnival Association was held in a large tent which was being used for a skating rink. After a few years the Mercy Carnival Association became the St. Joseph Carnival Association and when the name of the school was changed it became the St. Paul Carnival Association. Many

different places were used for the Balls since the first Mercy Carnival in 1930 until the St. Paul Gym was built. Sometime during the '50s, the Carnival Association began having a parade in connection with the Ball. Each year the theme of the parade



ST. PAUL PARADE ROUTE, FEB. 19 AT NOON.

MARDI GRAS FOR THE KIDS

Krewe of Kids, HTCS Krewe of Knights & Pass Kids Carnival Association

**BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER**

One of the best things about Carnival on the Mississippi Gulf Coast is that it's family-friendly, and three long-standing local krewes prove that year-after-year.

The Pass Christian Kids Carnival Association, Krewe of Kids and Holy Trinity Catholic School's Krewe of Knights all have big parades planned this year.

The Pass Christian Kids Carnival Association -- known until 2018 as the Pass Christian Carnival Association Krewe of Legacy -- kicks the season off locally with its parade this Saturday, Feb. 4, starting at 1 p.m. The route will start at Neco's Family Market, on Cable Bridge Rd, continuing straight onto J.P. Ladner Rd, turning right onto Edwin Ladner Rd, also turning right onto Vidalia Rd, where it ends back at Neco's Family Market.

Floats, horse and buggies,



Bay St. Louis Mayor Mike Favre toasts Queen Addalyn Landrum during last year's Krewe of Kids Parade on Dunbar Avenue. This year's parade is scheduled for Feb. 11.

golf carts, antique cars, and more parade throughout a 5-mile circular route north of Interstate 10.

"The parade is designed to be family-oriented," krewe founder Jeffrey Cuevas has

said. "No matter how big it gets, it will always be family-oriented."

Next up will be the Krewe of Kids, which will celebrate its 44th annual Mardi Gras parade this year beginning

at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11.

The krewe's 2023 king and queen have not yet been selected.

The parade will follow its traditional route, starting

in front of Dunbar Village in Bay St. Louis for a toast with the elders there.

The parade was founded in 1979 by Jake and Evelyn Cox Jacobs and the Cox children. It started out as a way to keep the kids busy and get rid of excess Mardi Gras throws, Evelyn's daughter Kathy Mauffray said in 2016, but in 1979, her brother David -- then age 11 -- took it upon himself to go to the city and get a parade permit. That year, the first official "Krewe of Kids" parade was held on Lundi Gras.

The HTCS Krewe of Knights parade is to begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17. The krewe is made up of students, teachers and alumni.

The parade usually travels from the school on Second Street in downtown Bay St. Louis to the beach, then up Court Street before meeting with the royal court from the Krewe of Nereids for a lemonade toast and a proclamation from the mayor.



The Holy Trinity Catholic School Krewe of Knights meets last year with they Krewe of Nereids Royal Court. This year's Knight's parade is set for Feb. 17.

2023 COAST PARADE SCHEDULE



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023

1:00 PM Historic Downtown Ocean Springs -
Annual Ocean Springs Elks Mardi Gras Parade

1:00 PM Pass Christian Carnival Association Parade

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

11:00 AM, Bay St. Louis -- Bay St. Louis --
Annual Krewe of Kids Parade

2:00 PM, Picayune -- Annual Krewe of Pearl Parade

1:30 PM, Vancleave - Annual Mystic Krewe Of Pine Island
Mardi Gras Parade

6:00 PM, Long Beach - Annual Carnival Association of
Long Beach Mardi Gras Parade

7:00 PM, Gautier - Annual Gautier Men's Club Mardi
Gras Parade

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

12:00 PM, Waveland - Annual Krewe of Nereids Mardi
Gras Parade

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023

7:00 PM, Ocean Springs - Annual Ocean
Springs Carnival Association Mardi Gras Night Parade

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023

NOON, Diamondhead - Annual Krewe Of
Diamondhead Mardi Gras Parade

1:00 P.M. -- Annual Jackson County Carnival Assoc. Mardi
Gras Parade

2:00 PM, Gulfport - Annual Krewe of Gemini
Mardi Gras Day Parade

5:30 PM, Downtown Biloxi - Annual Krewe of Neptune
Night Mardi Gras Parade

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

1:30 PM, D'Iberville - Annual D'Iberville / St. Martin North
Bay Area Mardi Gras Parade

NOON, Pass Christian - Annual St. Paul
Mardi Gras Parade

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

5:00 PM, Bay St. Louis - Annual Mystic
Krewe of the Seahorse "Lundi Gras" Parade

8:00 PM, Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention
Center - Annual Gulf Coast Carnival
Association Coronation Ball

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 - MARDI GRAS DAY

1:00 PM, Bay St. Louis - Krew of Diamonds Mardi Gras
Parade

1:00 PM, Downtown Biloxi - Annual Gulf Coast
Carnival Association Mardi Gras Parade

5:30 PM, Gulfport - Krewe of Gemini Mardi Gras Night
Parade



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